

**Second Sunday in Lent  
March 5, 2023 9:00 a.m.**

**Pastor Willie Rosin's Email  
Pastor Willie Rosin' Cell  
Zion's Office Email  
Zion's Phone Number**

**[pastorwillie.rosin@gmail.com](mailto:pastorwillie.rosin@gmail.com)  
320-444-7277  
[zionmuscatine@gmail.com](mailto:zionmuscatine@gmail.com)  
563-263-5074**

March 5, 2023 9:00 a.m.

Zion Lutheran Church

Reader –Terri Hanson

Second Sunday in Lent

Presiding Minister – Rev. Willie Rosin

Music Minister – Charles Potter

Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church on this Second Sunday in Lent. We are glad you have joined us for worship! In today's gospel Jesus tells Nicodemus that he must be born of water and Spirit. At the font we are given a new birth as children of God. As God made a covenant with Abraham, in baptism God promises to raise us up with Christ to new life. From worship we are sent forth to proclaim God's love for all the world. All who believe in Christ as Lord and Savior are welcome at Christ's table as we celebrate the feast of Holy Communion! Instructions on receiving Holy Communion are included in the service order.

**PRELUDE**

*What Wondrous Love Is This* John Carter  
*God Loved the World* Robert J. Powell  
*My Song Is Love Unknown* Charles Callahan

Charles Potter

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**‡ GATHERING ‡**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God*

**INTROIT**

*My Song Is Love Unknown* Jason W. Krug

Bell Choir

**BELL CALLING US TO WORSHIP**

**+ GATHERING HYMN**

***The God of Abraham Praise (stanzas 1-4)***

**ELW 831**



1 The God of A - br'ham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove;  
2 The God of A - br'ham praise! At your su - preme com - mand  
3 The God of A - br'ham praise! Your all - suf - fi - cient grace  
4 Your prom - ise you have sworn; I on your oath de - pend.



An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love—  
from earth I rise and seek the joys at your right hand.  
shall guide me all my pil - grim days in all my ways.  
I shall, on ea - gle wings up - borne, to heav'n as - cend.



“I Am the One I Am”— by earth and heav'n con - fessed;  
I all on earth for - sake— its wis - dom, fame, and pow'r—  
You deign to call me friend; you call your - self my God!  
I shall be - hold your face; I shall your pow'r a - dore,



I bow and bless the sa - cred name for - ev - er blest.  
and you my on - ly por - tion make, my shield and tow'r.  
And you will save me to the end through Je - sus' blood.  
and sing the won - ders of your grace for - ev - er - more.

**+ Confession and Forgiveness**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who journeys with us these forty days,  
and sustains us with the gift of grace.

**Amen.**

Let us acknowledge before God and one another  
our need for repentance and God's mercy.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy God,

**we confess to you our faults and failings.**

**Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word;**

**we take for ourselves instead of giving to others;**

**we spoil rather than steward your creation;**

**we cause hurt though you call us to heal;**

**we choose fear over compassion.**

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,**

**as we seek to follow in your way of life.**

**Amen.**

Hear the good news:

God so loved the world that God gave the only Son,  
so that all may receive life.

This promise is for you!

God embraces you with divine mercy,

† forgives you in Christ's name,

and revives you in the Spirit's power.

**Amen.**

**+ GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

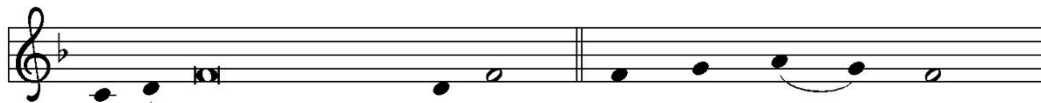
the love of God,

and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

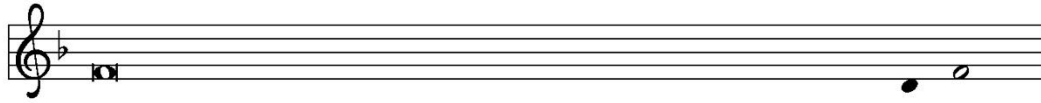
**And also with you.**

+ KYRIE

ELW p. 138-139



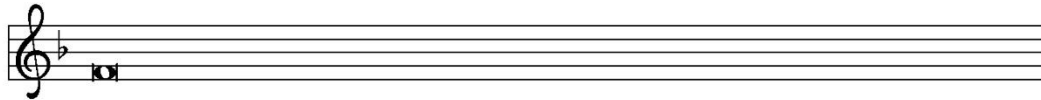
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



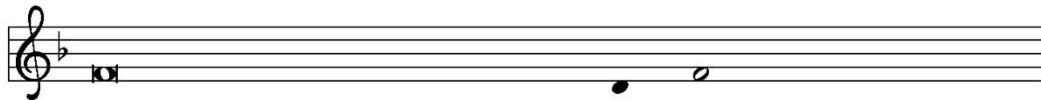
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



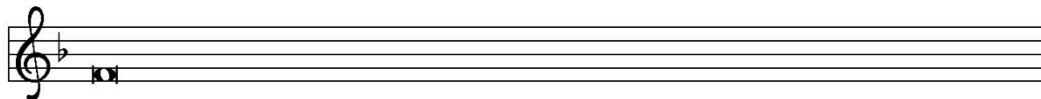
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



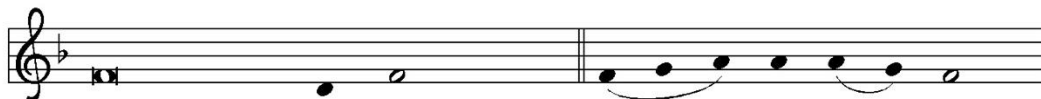
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



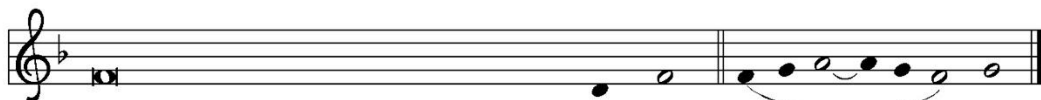
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



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



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

+ PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you

**And also with you**

Let us pray: O God, our leader and guide,

**in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## ‡ WORD ‡

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song*

**FIRST READING - Genesis 12:1-4a**

*God's call of Abram and Sarai has a clear purpose—that through them all the families of the earth would gain a blessing. As they set out on their journey, they are accompanied by promises of land, nation, and a great reputation.*

<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup>I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

<sup>4a</sup>So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Psalm 121 *please read responsively by whole verse***

<sup>1</sup>I lift up my eyes to the hills;  
from where is my help to come?

<sup>2</sup>**My help comes from the LORD,  
the maker of heaven and earth.**

<sup>3</sup>The LORD will not let your foot be moved  
nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

<sup>4</sup>**Behold, the keeper of Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep;**

<sup>5</sup>the LORD watches over you;  
the LORD is your shade at your right hand;

<sup>6</sup>**the sun will not strike you by day,  
nor the moon by night.**

<sup>7</sup>The LORD will preserve you from all evil  
and will keep your life.

<sup>8</sup>**The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in,  
from this time forth forevermore.**

**SECOND READING Romans 4:1-5, 13-17**

*In the person and example of Abraham we discover that a right relationship with God does not involve earning a reward from God but entails trusting God's promises. Abraham is the forebear and model for both Jews and Gentiles, because we too trust that ours is a God who gives life to the dead.*

<sup>1</sup>What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? <sup>2</sup>For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. <sup>3</sup>For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." <sup>4</sup>Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. <sup>5</sup>But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

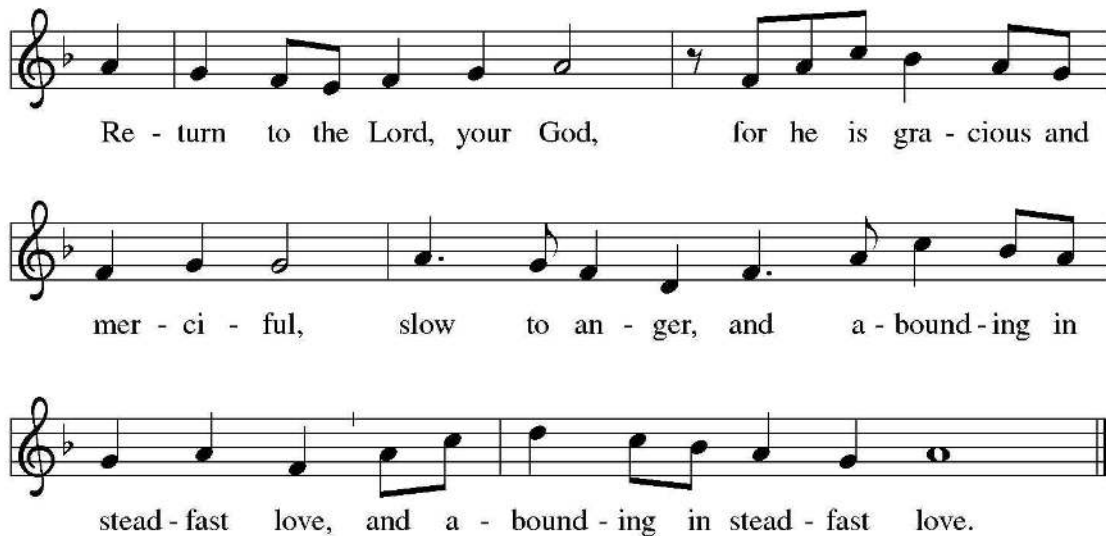
<sup>13</sup>For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup>If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

<sup>16</sup>For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup>as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”)—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

The Word of the Lord  
Thanks be to God

## CHILDREN’S SERMON

### + LENTEN GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW p. 142



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in  
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

### + GOSPEL READING John 3:1-17

*A curious Pharisee visits Jesus by night to learn from the teacher his friends reject. Jesus speaks to him about life in the Spirit and the kingdom of God.*

<sup>1</sup>Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup>What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” <sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

<sup>11</sup>“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe; how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup>“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

### Glory to you, O Lord

This is the Gospel of the Lord

### Praise to you, O Christ

### SERMON

### HYMN OF THE DAY

### *Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters*

ELW 445



1 Wash, O God, our sons and daughters, where your cleans-ing wa-ters flow.  
2 We who bring them long for nur-ture; by your milk may we be fed.  
3 Oh, how deep your ho-ly wis-dom! Un-im-ag-ined, all your ways!



Num-ber them a-mong your peo-ple; bless as Christ blessed long a-go.  
Let us join your feast, par-tak-ing cup of bless-ing, liv-ing bread.  
To your name be glo-ry, hon-or! With our lives we wor-ship, praise!



Weave them gar-ments bright and spark-ling; com-pass them with love and light.  
God, re-new us, guide our foot-steps; free from sin and all its snares,  
We your peo-ple stand be-fore you, wa-ter-washed and Spir-it-born.



Fill, a-noint them; send your Spir-it, ho-ly dove and heart's de-light.  
one with Christ in liv-ing, dy-ing, by your Spir-it, chil-dren, heirs.  
By your grace, our lives we of-fer. Re-cre-ate us; God, trans-form!

### + APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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

Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*Each petition ends with:* Lord, in your mercy

**Congregational response: Hear our prayer**

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.  
**Amen.**

### + SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always

**And also with you.**

### ‡ MEAL ‡

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ*

*Thank you for supporting God's ministry and mission through the people of Zion Lutheran Church. Your contributions are greatly appreciated. We have online giving options available through Tithe.ly which allows you to give through the app, online, and even make weekly, biweekly, or monthly donations on a regular schedule. If you are interested in electronic giving options, please contact the church office.*

### OFFERTORY

**Musical Offering**

*My Faith Looks Up to Thee* Hal H. Hopson

Charles Potter

### + OFFERING PRAYER

God of good gifts,

receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life. **Amen.**

### + DIALOGUE ELW p. 144

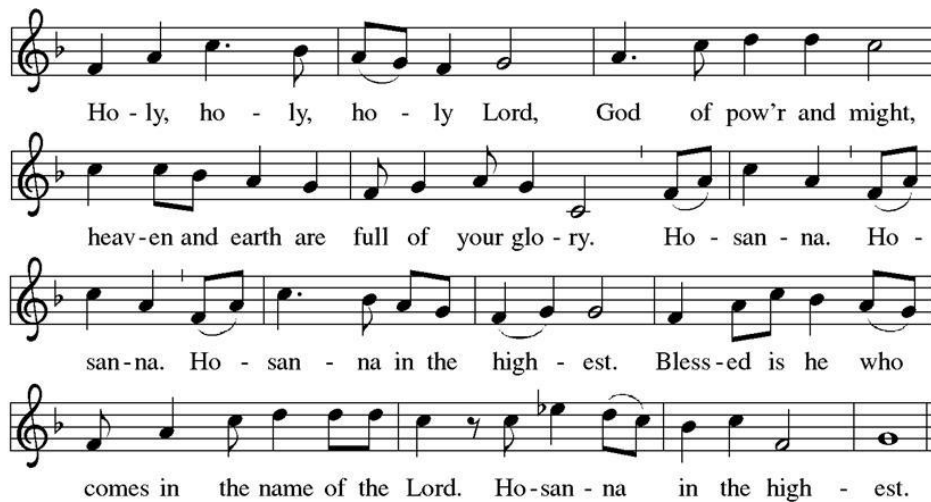
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

### + PROPER PREFACE FOR LENT

It is right, our duty, and our joy.....and join their unending hymn.



**+HOLY, HOLY, HOLY ELW p. 144**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. 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.

**+ WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

In the night in which he was betrayed.....Do this for the remembrance of me.

**+ LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

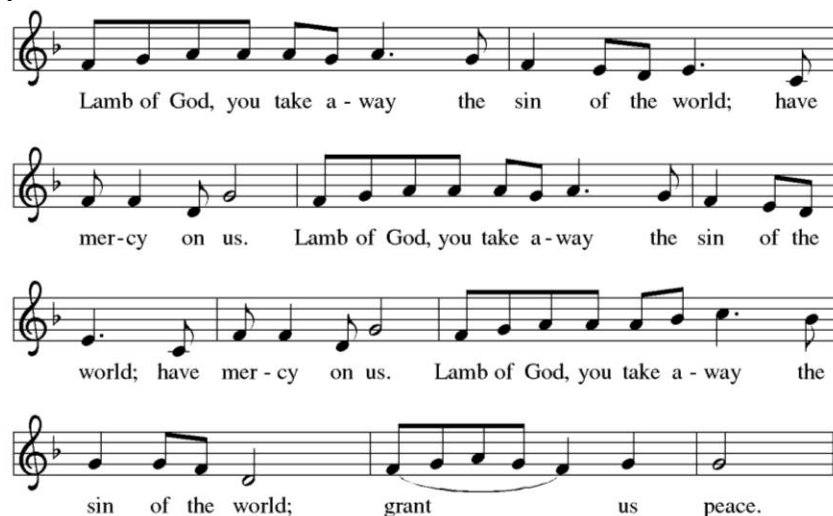
**+ INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Come and receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness.

**THE DISTRIBUTION**

*Please come forward for communion as directed. We will serve communion by continuous distribution with one station for bread in the center and a station for wine on each side. Please receive wine from the side on which you are sitting and return to your seat by walking down the side aisle. If you are unable or would prefer not to come forward, please inform one of the ushers and communion will be brought to where you are seated. If you do not wish to receive communion, you are welcome to come forward with arms crossed to receive a blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available in the separate small dish on the bread tray. Please let Pastor Willie know if you would like a gluten-free wafer. If you wish to receive grape juice rather than wine, please indicate this preference by approaching the communion server with your hand out and palm down. The grape juice is located in the center ring of the communion tray. All who believe in Christ as Lord and Savior, young and old, are welcome at this feast.*

**LAMB OF GOD - ELW p. 146**



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.

*Refrain*

Bread of life from heav-en, your blood and bod - y giv - en, we



eat this bread and drink this cup un - til you come a - gain.



1 Break now the bread of Christ's sac - ri - fice; giv - ing  
 2 Seek not the food that will pass a - way; set your  
 3 Love as the one who, in love for you, gave him -  
 4 Dwell in the one who now dwells in you; make your  
 5 Drink of this cup and de - clare his death; eat this



thanks, hun - gry ones, gath - er round. Eat, all of you, and be  
 hearts on the food that en - dures. Come, learn the true and the  
 self for the life of the world. Come to the one who is  
 home in the life - giv - ing Word. Know on - ly Christ, Ho - ly  
 bread and be - lieve Eas - ter morn; trust his re - turn and, with



sat - is - fied; in Christ's pres - ence the loaves will a - bound.  
 liv - ing way, that the full - ness of life may be yours.  
 food for you, that your hun - ger and thirst be no more.  
 One of God, and be - lieve in the truth you have heard.  
 ev - 'ry breath, praise the one in whom you are re - born.

*Refrain*



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness  
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed  
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in  
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
 soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant  
 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der  
 Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my



I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.  
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.  
 com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;  
 thine unction grace bestoweth;  
 and, oh, what transport of delight  
 from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,  
 thy goodness faileth never.  
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
 within thy house forever.



1 God loved the world so that he gave his on - ly  
 2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, who was made  
 3 If you are ill, if death draws near, this truth your  
 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son for - gives all  
 5 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly



Son the lost to save, that all who would in  
 flesh and suf - fered death; all who con - fide in  
 trou - bled heart can cheer: Christ Je - sus res - cues  
 sins that you have done, and jus - ti - fied by  
 Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed



him be - lieve should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.  
 Christ a - lone are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.  
 us from death; that is the firm - est ground of faith.  
 Je - sus' blood, your bap - tism grants the high - est good.  
 Trin - i - ty, be praise now and e - ter - nal - ly!

**+ POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

Now may this body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace, † now and forever.

**+ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Embodied God,  
at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love.  
Amen.

**‡ SENDING ‡**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world*

**+ BLESSING**

God, the giver of love,  
† Christ, the resurrection, and the life,  
and the Holy Spirit of rebirth  
bless you in this Lenten journey.  
Amen.



- 1 The God of A - br'ham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove;  
 2 The God of A - br'ham praise! At your su - preme com - mand  
 3 The God of A - br'ham praise! Your all - suf - fi - cient grace  
 4 Your prom - ise you have sworn; I on your oath de - pend.



An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love—  
 from earth I rise and seek the joys at your right hand.  
 shall guide me all my pil - grim days in all my ways.  
 I shall, on ea - gle wings up - borne, to heav'n as - cend.



"I Am the One I Am"—by earth and heav'n con - fessed;  
 I all on earth for - sake—its wis - dom, fame, and pow'r—  
 You deign to call me friend; you call your - self my God!  
 I shall be - hold your face; I shall your pow'r a - dore,



I bow and bless the sa - cred name for - ev - er blest.  
 and you my on - ly por - tion make, my shield and tow'r.  
 And you will save me to the end through Je - sus' blood.  
 and sing the won - ders of your grace for - ev - er - more.

5 Though nature's strength decay,  
 and earth and hell withstand,  
 to Canaan's bounds I urge my way  
 at your command.  
 The wat'ry deep I pass,  
 with Jesus in my view,  
 and through the howling wilderness  
 my way pursue.

6 The goodly land I see,  
 with peace and plenty blest;  
 a land of sacred liberty  
 and endless rest.  
 There milk and honey flow,  
 and oil and wine abound,  
 and trees of life forever grow  
 with mercy crowned.

7 Before the great Three-One  
 the saints exulting stand  
 and tell the wonders God has done  
 through all their land.  
 The list'ning spheres attend  
 and swell the growing fame  
 and sing the songs which never end,  
 the wondrous name.

8 The whole triumphant host  
 give thanks to God on high.  
 "Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!"  
 they ever cry.  
 Hail, Abr'ham's God and mine!  
 I join the heav'nly lays:  
 to you be glory, might divine,  
 and endless praise!

**+Dismissal**

Go in peace. Serve in love.

**Thanks be to God.**

‡ Happening This Week ‡

<b>SUN, Mar 5</b>	<b>9:00 a.m. Worship</b> <b>10:15 a.m. Fellowship</b> <b>10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study</b> <b>10:30-11 a.m. Sunday School</b>
<b>WED, Mar 8</b>	<b>6:30 a.m. Men's Bible</b> <b>5:30 p.m. Midweek Lent Service</b> <b>6:30 p.m. Bell Choir</b> <b>7:00 p.m. Choir</b>
<b>THU, Mar 9</b>	<b>11:30 a.m. Lunch Bunch @Applebee's.</b> <b>6:30 p.m. Council Meeting</b>
<b>SUN, Mar 12</b>	<b>9:00 a.m. Worship</b> <b>10:15 a.m. Fellowship</b> <b>10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study</b> <b>10:30-11 a.m. Sunday School</b>

‡

**SERVING IN MINISTRY ‡**

DATE	3/5	3/8	3/12
ACOLTYES	Preston Schroeder	Mason Smith	Dalton Bozarth
A.M./READER	Terri Hanson/ R		Jim Haage/AM
COMM. ASST.	Vivien Halloran		Terri Hanson
HOSPITALITY	Social Ministry		Men's Bible Study

Total Offering Received for Week of 2/26/2023:	\$ 4,279
Year to date Offering Received:	\$ 31,812
Remaining Weekly Offering required to meet budget:	\$ 5,702

YTD Food Pantry	YTD Bag of Blessings	YTD Quarters for Hunger
\$170	\$175	\$20

**‡ ANNOUNCEMENTS ‡**

**Altar flowers** this week were provided by Mark & Julie Frye in honor of Abi's birthday 3/19/23.

**This Sunday** is "Bag of Blessings". Designate your donation with a memo for Bag of Blessings.

**Next Week's Readings:** Exodus 17:1-7, Psalm 95, Romans 5:1-11, John 4:5-42

**Please Pray** for Kristy Keith, Bill Tiecke, Patty Lange, Butch Doyle, Mary Butcher, Gary Sebbert, Evelyn Christopherson, Rose Marie Paul, and Billy Rueckert.

**Please** fill out a communion registration card for 2023. Only one card per year needs to be filled out. This record is used to help create the voting roster for congregational meetings. Thank you!

The **Altar Flower Chart for 2023** has been posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. This is a wonderful opportunity to honor your loved ones by dedicating the flowers for that week to them. The current cost is \$42.80 per week and can be paid directly to Hy-Vee or the church office. Sign up now while the dates you want are still available.

**The 2023 Sign-up sheets for Lilies are now available. Standard price \$11.00. One sheet is for April 2, the other April 9. The sign-up sheets will be upstairs during times of worship and then moved down to the office each week. Orders must be into the church by EOB March 17. Checks made payable to Zion or a memo on your donation envelope. Payment is also accepted when the order is placed.**

**Trivia Night** The Zion Youth will sponsor a Trivia Night on Saturday, March 18th. The proceeds from this event will be used to offset the costs of the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans. The cost is \$5.00 per person or \$40 per table. The doors will open at 5:30 pm with the game beginning at 6:00 pm. The event normally ends around 8:00 pm. Come and test your knowledge on a variety of topics including our church, the Bible, and Muscatine history and enjoy a social time with friends and family. Drinks will be provided, and you are welcome to bring snacks for your table or for all to share. We will also have a silent auction of baskets donated by the church committees and the youth. Reserve your seat or table by signing up on the bulletin board by the elevator. Hope to see you all there!

**Christian Day Camp** Opportunity in Muscatine Website: Scan QR code or go to:

<https://shepherdofthecross.org/christian-day-camp> This Day Camp will be held at Saulsbury Recreation area June 13-17 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. daily. Registration is open for all kids who have finished grades K-6. Cost is \$10, which includes a T-shirt. **Thank you for your faithful stewardship!**



The next **Z book club** meeting will be Monday, March 13 at 5:30 PM at Diamond Dave's. They are reading a book called "The Keeper of Happy Endings" by Barbara Davis.

**Fellowship of Christian Athletes** meets at Louisa-Muscatine High School on Thursdays at 6:30 a.m. in Room 109. Casey Cantrell is the local Huddle leader.

**Reminder:** Men's Bible Study meets every Wednesday morning at 6:30 a.m. at the All-American Diner.

**Adult Bible Study** begins at 10:30 a.m. in the chapel area. We are using *Unfinished: Discovering God's Call in the Not Yet* from Near & Now. Devotion/participant booklets are available. You are welcome to join us!

**Christians Underground** - We have an additional Bible study/discussion group opportunity in Muscatine called Christians Underground. Pastor Aleese Kenitzer from Shepherd of the Cross leads this group in discussion about the Revised Common Lectionary texts for the upcoming Sunday. They meet weekly on Wednesdays at 12:00 p.m. at Geo Johnz Pizza (203 E 2nd St.) for about an hour. This invitation is open to all three ELCA congregations in Muscatine.

**Living Lutheran:** Website: <https://www.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/16931/Living-Lutheran>, Individual Price **\$19.95 per year.**, Audio available in CD format

Website link to subscribe to edigest: <https://www.livinglutheran.org/subscribe/>

1-800-328-4648 Monday - Friday, 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

### **Zion Lutheran Church Midweek Lenten Gatherings-**

The season of Lent begins with our Ash Wednesday service at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 22nd. We will have the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion during the service. There is not a congregational meal following the Ash Wednesday service. We will continue with our midweek Lent services on Wednesday, March 1st at 5:30 p.m. We will use the theme of UNFINISHED: Out of the Depths, a series on the book of Jonah. We will use the Holden Evening Prayer liturgy for the midweek services. We will serve a congregational meal following the midweek Lent services on March 8, 15, 22, 29. Price (\$8 or \$6). There are sign-up sheets upstairs and downstairs. Hope to see you here!

**Lenten Meals** Wednesdays following the Lenten service.

Date	Group Serving	Menu
3/8	Council	Walking Tacos, Desserts
3/15	Group 5	Sloppy Joes, Potato chips, Jell-o Salads, Desserts
3/22	Joy Circle Group 6	Baked Potato Bar, Applesauce, carrots/Celery, Desserts
3/29	Men's Bible Study	Ham Sandwiches, Baked Beans, Potato Chips, Carrots/Celery, Desserts

**Shepherd of the Cross Midweek Lenten Gatherings - 6:30-7:30pm**

If our 5:30 midweek Lent worship time does not work for your schedule or if you are looking for something a little different than strictly midweek worship, you are invited to join Shepherd of the Cross on Wednesday evenings during the season of Lent. And we have invited Shepherd of the Cross folks looking for a midweek worship service to join Zion! The following is the midweek Lent information that Shepherd is providing for their people which is centered in large group and small group time rather than a formal worship service:

This Lent, we'll be gathering on Wednesday evenings to dive further into the themes presented on Sunday mornings. Embracing our Lenten theme of "Seeking," our Wednesday gatherings will encourage us - individually and collectively - to authentically seek God and seek relationship with one another. Our time each week will be a combination of large group and small group time and will incorporate Scripture, prayer, and music. If families with kids are interested in joining us, we'll be sure to have opportunities for our kiddos as well!

**Grace Lutheran Church Midweek Lenten Gatherings-6:00-6:30 pm**

After Ash Wednesday, they will meet the next 5 weeks through Lent for a mid-week service which will last approximately 30 minutes. Grace confirmation students will help conduct those services.

**We have** sign-up sheets for **Hospitality 2023** upstairs and downstairs.

**Thank you** to Cherry Kaucher for her donation of quilt fabric.

**Local Scholarships Available**

*Over \$900,000 in scholarships are available for Muscatine and Louisa County high school graduating seniors. Awards range from \$500 one-time awards, up to \$20,000 four-year awards for a variety of post-secondary options. High school applications close on March 10, 2023 at Noon.*

*<https://www.givinggreater.org/scholarships>*