

**Third Sunday in Lent
March 12, 2023**

**Presiding Minister – Rev. Willie Rosin Assisting Minister – Jim Haage
Music Minister – Jennifer Rosin**

Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church on this Third Sunday in Lent! Today we hear the Samaritan woman ask Jesus for water, an image of our thirst for God. Jesus offers living water, a sign of God's grace flowing from the waters of baptism. The early church used this gospel and those of the next two Sundays to deepen baptismal reflection during the final days of preparation before baptism at Easter. As we journey to the resurrection feast, Christ comes among us in word, bath, and meal—offering us the life-giving water of God's mercy and forgiveness.

Notes for visitors: Thank you for joining us! Please fill out a Visitor Card, located in your pew rack, if you would like to have us contact you.

+ Indicates that you are invited to rise as you are able

BOLD PRINT INDICATES CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSES

Hymn numbers are the large numbers at the top of the page in the red hymnal, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, which is located in the pew racks

PRELUDE

Jennifer Rosin

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

‡ GATHERING ‡

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

BELL CALLING US TO WORSHIP

+ GATHERING HYMN

For All the Faithful Women stanza 1, 2, 8, Last

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+ 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.**

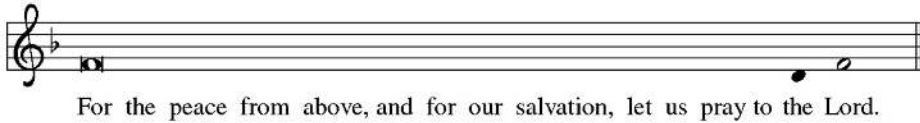
+ GREETING

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.

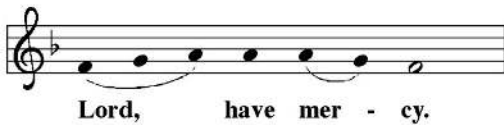
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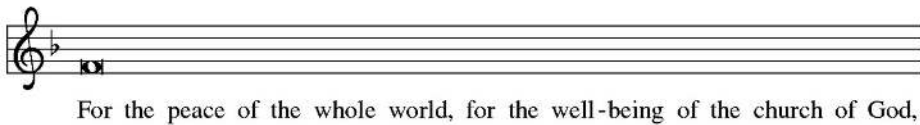
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



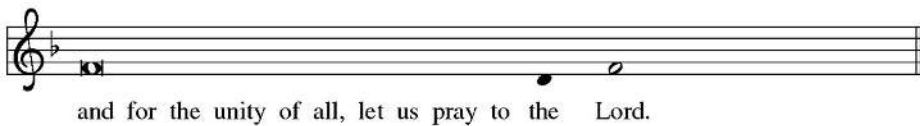
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



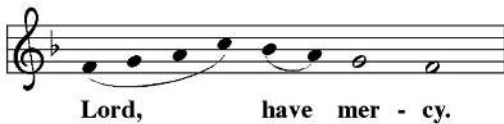
Lord, have mer - cy.



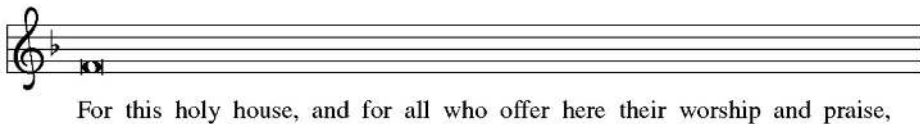
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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



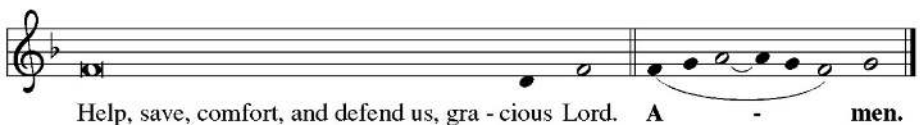
Lord, have mer - cy.



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: Merciful God,

the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through 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

Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" ³But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" ⁴So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

(read responsively)

Psalm 95

O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; I

et us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. O that today you would listen to his voice!

Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,

when your ancestors tested me, and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.

For forty years I loathed that generation and said, "They are a people whose hearts go astray, and they do not regard my ways."

Therefore in my anger I swore, "They shall not enter my rest."

SECOND READING**Romans 5:1-11**

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. ⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person--though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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.

The Holy Gospel according to John

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵[Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph.⁶Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

⁷A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink."⁸(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.)⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.)¹⁰Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."¹¹The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?"¹²Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?"¹³Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again,¹⁴ but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life."¹⁵The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back."¹⁷The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband';¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!"¹⁹The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet."²⁰Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem."²¹Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him.²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."²⁵The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us."²⁶Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

²⁷Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?"²⁸Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people,²⁹"Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?"³⁰They left the city and were on their way to him.

³¹Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something."³²But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about."³³So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?"³⁴Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work."³⁵Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting.³⁶The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together.³⁷For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.'³⁸I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

³⁹Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me

everything I have ever done.”⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days.⁴¹ And many more believed because of his word.⁴² They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty v. 1-4*

ELW 777

+ APOSTLES’ CREED ELW p. 105

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 and risen.

Amen.

+ SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always

And also with you.

‡ MEAL ‡

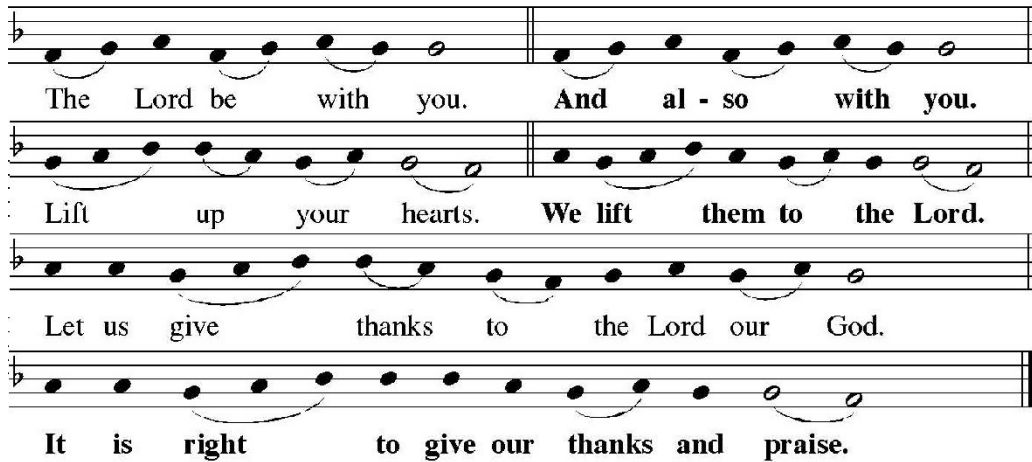
God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

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](https://www.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.

+ 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.

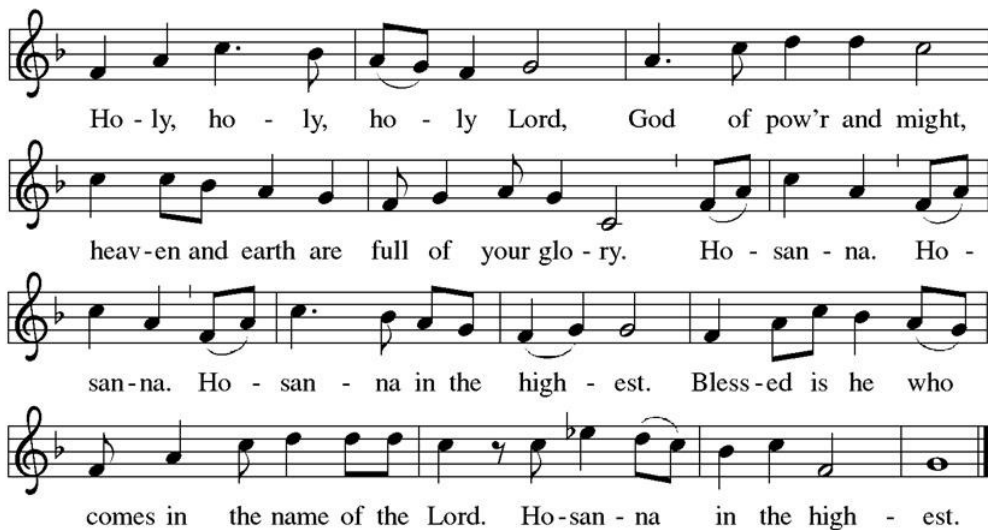
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

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.

DISTRIBUTION

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.

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+ 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. **Amen**

+ 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

+ SENDING HYMN

I Want Jesus to Walk With Me

ELW 325

+Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve in love.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Jennifer Rosin

‡ Happening This Week ‡

SUN, Mar 12	<p align="right">9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Fellowship 10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Sunday School</p>
MON, Mar 13	Z-book club 5:30 p.m.@ Diamond Dave's
WED, Mar 15	<p align="right">6:30 a.m. Men's Bible 5:30 p.m. Midweek Lent Service 6:30 p.m. Bell Choir 7:00 p.m. Choir</p>
SAT, Mar 18	5:30 p.m. Doors open/6:00 p.m. Trivia Night

‡ SERVING IN MINISTRY ‡

DATE	3/12	Midweek Lent 5:30 3/15	3/19
ACOLTYES	Dalton Bozarth	Jackson Evans	Mason Smith
A.M./READER	Jim Haage/ AM		Julie Haage/R
COMM. ASST.	Terri Hanson		Bob Nicolai
HOSPITALITY	Men's Bible Study		Social Ministry

Total Offering Received for Week of 3/5/2023:	\$ -
Year to date Offering Received:	\$ 35,978
Remaining Weekly Offering required to meet Budget:	\$ 5,203

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

‡ ANNOUNCEMENTS ‡

Altar flowers this week were provided by Ruth Starkweather in memory of Harry Starkweather.

Next Sunday is “Quarters for Hunger”. Designate your donation with a memo or drop your quarters in the donation plate.

Next Week’s Readings 1 Samuel 16:1-13, Psalm 23, Ephesians 5:8-14, John 9:1-41.

Please Pray for Kristy Keith, Bill Tiecke, Patty Lange, Butch Doyle, Mary Butcher, Gary Sebbert, Evelyn Christopherson, and Billy Rueckert. We offer our prayers and condolences to the family and friends of Rose Marie Paul.

The 2023 Sign-up sheets for Lilies are now available. Standard price \$11.00. April 9. The sign-up sheet 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 **THIS 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 p.m. with the game beginning at 6:00 p.m.. The event normally ends around 8:00 p.m. 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!

We need someone to volunteer and eventually take over the responsibility of Altar flowers and robes for Ruth Starkweather!

FREE Summer Music Camp July 10-14, 2023 for students who have completed K-6th grade. The camp will be held at the Wesley United Methodist Church in Muscatine. K-2nd grade students meet 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. daily. 3rd-6th grade students meet 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. daily with lunch provided for 3rd-6th grade participants. Register at <https://wesleyonline.org/music/> by July 3 to participate and by June 15 to guarantee a camp t-shirt.

We are having a **Veggie Tales Pajama Party** on March 24th from 6:00 - 7:15 p.m. . There will be a short movie, a craft, a game, and a snack! This event is for pre-school- 3rd grade. There is a sign-up sheet in the office. Feel free to bring a friend!!!

Christian Day Camp opportunity in Muscatine, go to:

<https://shepherdofthecross.org/christian-day-camp>. More information is available in the Zion Church office.

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

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. More info in the office.

Zion Lutheran Church Midweek Lenten Gatherings—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.

3/15 Sloppy Joes, chips, Jell-O salads, & desserts.

3/22 Baked potato bar, applesauce, carrots/celery, & desserts.

3/29 Ham sandwiches, baked beans, carrots/celery, & desserts.

Shepherd of the Cross Midweek Lenten Gatherings - 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Grace Lutheran Church Midweek Lenten Gatherings-6:00-6:30 p.m.

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

An extended version of announcements is posted on the bulletin boards.