

**Fourth Sunday in Lent**  
**March 19, 2023**

**Presiding Minister – Rev. Willie Rosin**

**Assistant Minister – Julie Haage**

**Music Minister – Sue Robinson**

*Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church on the Fourth Sunday in Lent- we are glad you have joined us for worship. Baptism is sometimes called enlightenment. The gospel for this Sunday is the story of the man born blind healed by Christ. "I was blind, now I see," declares the man. In baptism God opens our eyes to see the truth of who we are: God's beloved children. As David was anointed king of Israel, in baptism God anoints our head with oil, and calls us to bear witness to the light of Christ in our daily lives.*

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* or the blue hymnal supplement, *With One Voice*.

**PRELUDE**

**Sue Robinson**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**‡ GATHERING ‡**

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

**BELL CALLING US TO WORSHIP**

**+ GATHERING HYMN**

*Awake, O Sleeper*

**WOV 745**

**+ 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.**

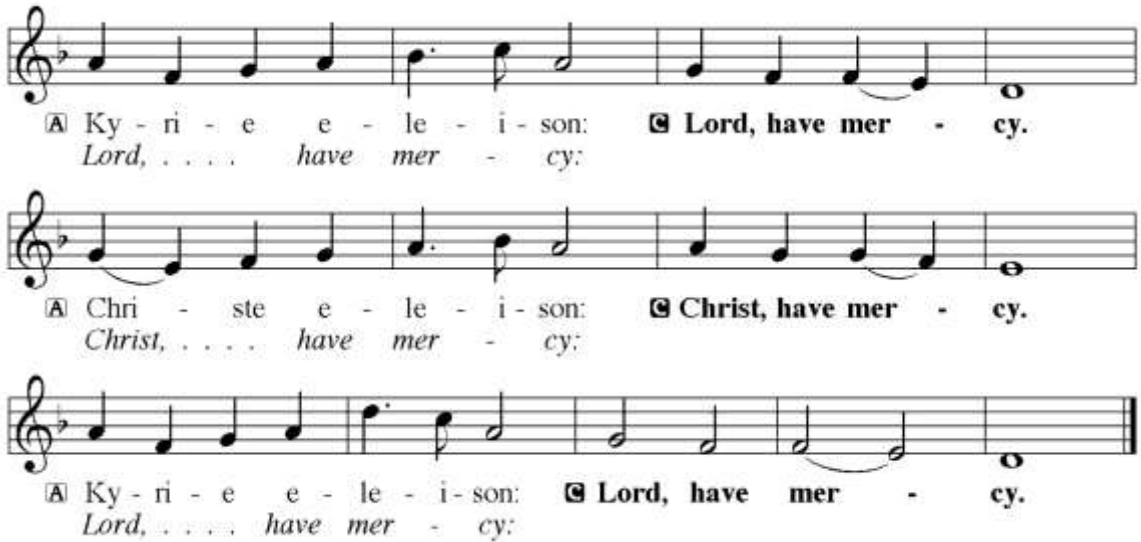
Hear the good news: God so loved the world that God gave the only Son, so that all may receive life. This promise is for you! God embraces you with divine mercy, † forgives you in Christ's name, and revives you in the Spirit's power.

**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 – WOV p. 28**



The musical notation consists of three staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The notes are written in a simple, melodic style. Below each staff, there are two lines of lyrics: a German line and an English line. The German lyrics are: 'Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:'. The English lyrics are: 'Lord, have mer - cy.'.

**A** Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **G** Lord, have mer - cy.  
Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:

**A** Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **G** Christ, have mer - cy.  
Christ, . . . . have mer - cy:

**A** Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **G** Lord, have mer - cy.  
Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:

**+ PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you:

**And also with you:**

Let us pray: Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us.

**By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

**ANTHEM**

***My Shepherd Will Supply My Need***

**Zion Choir**

**‡ WORD ‡**

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

**FIRST READING - 1 Samuel 16:1-13**

<sup>1</sup>The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." <sup>2</sup>Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' <sup>3</sup>Invite Jesse to

the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.” <sup>4</sup>Samuel did what the Lord commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, “Do you come peaceably?” <sup>5</sup>He said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

<sup>6</sup>When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the Lord’s anointed is now before the Lord.” <sup>7</sup>But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.” <sup>8</sup>Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” <sup>9</sup>Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” <sup>10</sup>Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The Lord has not chosen any of these.” <sup>11</sup>Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.” <sup>12</sup>He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.” <sup>13</sup>Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### **PSALM - Psalm 23**

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

**He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;**

he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name’s sake.

**Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.**

### **SECOND READING - Ephesians 5:8-14**

<sup>8</sup>Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—<sup>9</sup>for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. <sup>10</sup>Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. <sup>12</sup>For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; <sup>13</sup>but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, <sup>14</sup>for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore, it says, “Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### **CHILDREN’S SERMON**

## + GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## + GOSPEL READING John 9:1-41

The Holy Gospel according to John

**Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>1</sup>As [Jesus] walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup>His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. <sup>4</sup>We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. <sup>5</sup>As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." <sup>6</sup>When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, <sup>7</sup>saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. <sup>8</sup>The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" <sup>9</sup>Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." <sup>10</sup>But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" <sup>11</sup>He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." <sup>12</sup>They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

<sup>13</sup>They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. <sup>14</sup>Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. <sup>15</sup>Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." <sup>16</sup>Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. <sup>17</sup>So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

<sup>18</sup>The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight <sup>19</sup>and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" <sup>20</sup>His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; <sup>21</sup>but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." <sup>22</sup>His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. <sup>23</sup>Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

<sup>24</sup>So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to

God! We know that this man is a sinner.” <sup>25</sup>He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” <sup>26</sup>They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” <sup>27</sup>He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” <sup>28</sup>Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses.” <sup>29</sup>We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” <sup>30</sup>The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. <sup>31</sup>We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. <sup>32</sup>Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. <sup>33</sup>If this man was not from God, he could do nothing.” <sup>34</sup>They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out.

<sup>35</sup>Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” <sup>36</sup>He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” <sup>37</sup>Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” <sup>38</sup>He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.” <sup>40</sup>Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” <sup>41</sup>Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ**

## **SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Amazing Grace*

**ELW 779 (red hymnal)**

## **+ 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

**Sue Robinson**

#### + 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

The Lord be with you

**And also with you**

Lift up your hearts

**We lift them to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**It is right to give our thanks and praise**

#### + PROPER PREFACE FOR LENT

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

#### + HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and  
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
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. 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.**

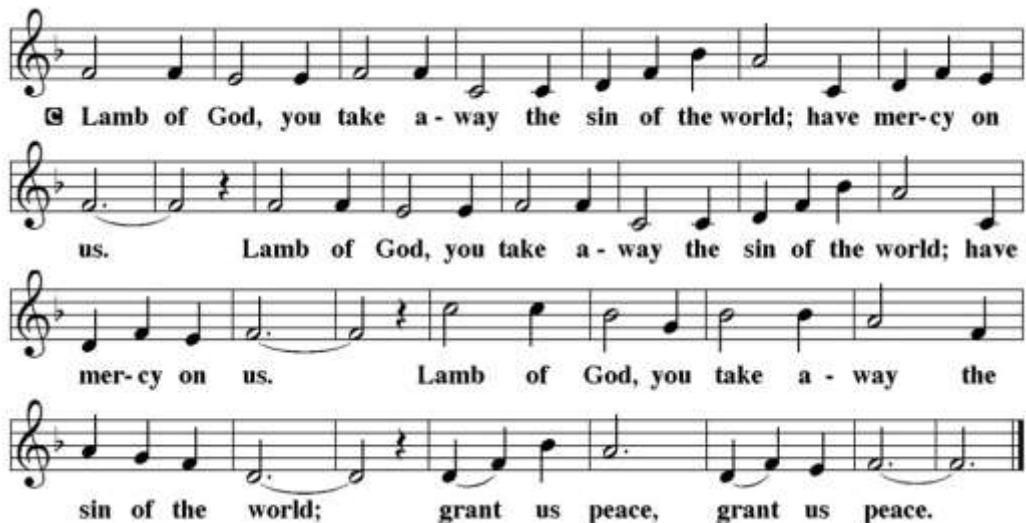
## + INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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



**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS – WOV 733, 731, 709 (repeat until distribution is complete)**



### **+ 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.**

### **+ SENDING HYMN**

*Thy Holy Wings*

**WOV 741**

### **+Dismissal**

Go in peace. Serve in love.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **POSTLUDE**

**Sue Robinson**

### ‡ Happening This Week ‡

<b>Tue, Mar 21</b>	<b>1:00 p.m. Group 5</b>
<b>WED, Mar 22</b>	<b>6:30 a.m. Men's Bible 5:30 Midweek Lent 7:00 p.m. Choir</b>
<b>THU, Mar 23</b>	<b>6:30 p.m. Joy Circle</b>
<b>SUN, Mar 26</b>	<b>9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Fellowship 10:30 a.m. Sunday School</b>

### ‡ SERVING IN MINISTRY ‡

DATE	3/19	Midweek Lent 5:30 3/22	3/26
ACOLTYES	Mason Smith	Preston Schroeder	Jackson Evans
A.M./READER	Julie Haage/R		Tyler Baars /AM
COMM. ASST.	Bob Nicolai		Sara Reusswig
HOSPITALITY	Social Ministry	Meal	Council

Total Offering Received for Week of 3/12/2023:	\$	2,639	
Year to date Offering Received:	\$	40,697	
Remaining Weekly Offering required to meet Budget:	\$	5,578	(per week)

YTD Food Pantry	YTD Bag of Blessings	YTD Quarters for Hunger
\$170	\$175	\$25

## ‡ ANNOUNCEMENTS ‡

**Altar flowers** this week were provided by Riley Padgett in memory of Karen Padgett.

**This Sunday** is “Quarters for Hunger”. Drop quarters in the offering plate or make a memo on your envelope .

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

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

**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.**

**Christian Day Camp** Opportunity in Muscatine Website: <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.

**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.

**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.

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

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

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

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

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

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