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**I will say of the  
LORD, "He is my  
refuge and my  
fortress, my God,  
in whom I trust."**

**- Psalm 91:2 -**



**First Sunday in Lent  
March 9, 2025  
9:00 a.m.**

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Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church on this First Sunday in Lent! These forty days called Lent are like no other. It is our opportune time to return to the God who rescues, to receive the gifts of God's grace, to believe with the heart and confess with the mouth the wonder of God's love in Jesus, and to resist temptation at every turn.

This is no small pilgrimage on which we have just embarked. It is a struggle Jesus knew. It is a struggle Jesus shares. The nearness of the Lord, in bread and wine, water and word, will uphold and sustain us. Thank you for joining us – we are glad you are here!

If you are visiting us today, please fill out a Visitor Card, located in your pew rack, if you would like to have us contact you.

We practice an open communion table at Zion. All who believe in Christ as Lord and Savior are welcome to celebrate Holy Communion with us, from the youngest to the oldest members of the body of Christ present in worship.

Children are welcome to fully participate in worship. What could be better than the whole family of God being together in worship? There are Children's worship bags available near the usher's table in the narthex. Should you or your child need a break, there is a nursery located across from Fellowship Hall for your use.

Nursing mothers are welcome to use the Mothers' Room, just two doors down the hall from the nursery. Please knock before entering.

**+ 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.

Thank you for silencing all electronic devices.

<b>PRELUDE</b>	<i>Forty Days and Forty Nights</i>	David N. Johnson
	<i>O Lord, throughout These Forty Days</i>	David Schack

**Charles Potter**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**BELL CALLING US TO WORSHIP**

# GATHERING †

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

+ GATHERING HYMN *Bless Now, O God, the Journey*

ELW 326



1 Bless now, O God, the jour - ney that all your peo - ple make,  
2 Bless so - journ-ers and pil - grims who share this wind-ing way;  
3 Di - vine e - ter - nal lov - er, you meet us on the road.



the path through noise and si - lence, the way of give and take.  
your hope burns through the ter - rors, your love sus-tains the day.  
We wait for lands of prom - ise where milk and hon-ey flow,



The trail is found in des - ert and winds the moun-tain round,  
We yearn for ho - ly free - dom while of - ten we are bound;  
but wait-ing not for plac - es, you meet us all a - round.



then leads be - side still wa - ters, the road where faith is found.  
to - geth - er we are seek - ing the road where faith is found.  
Our cov - e - nant is writ - ten on roads, as faith is found.

## + **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 forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen**

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Compassionate One,

**you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,  
but our lives do not always reflect you  
and your love for the world.**

**We do not show others the tender compassion  
you have shown to us.**

**We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality  
you grant to all people.**

**We oppress others,**

**even though you have set us free again and again.**

**We squander the abundant gifts of the earth.**

**Transform our lives**

**and guide us again in the way of the cross.**

**Amen**

Beloved in Christ,

God's arms are always stretched open wide  
to welcome the wandering ones home.

In † Christ your sins are forgiven.

You have a place in God's house forever.

**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 Lord God,

**you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, 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                      Deuteronomy 26:1-11**

**26** “When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess and you possess it and settle in it, <sup>2</sup> you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. <sup>3</sup> You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, ‘Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.’ <sup>4</sup> When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, <sup>5</sup> you shall make this response before the Lord your God: ‘A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. <sup>6</sup> When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, <sup>7</sup> we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. <sup>8</sup> The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; <sup>9</sup> and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>10</sup> So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.’ You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. <sup>11</sup> Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house. **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16**

You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty  
<sup>2</sup> **you will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my stronghold, my God in whom I put my trust.”**

<sup>9</sup> Because you have made the LORD your refuge, and the Most High your habitation,

<sup>10</sup> **no evil will befall you, nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.**

<sup>11</sup> For God will give the angels charge over you, to guard you in all your ways.

<sup>12</sup> **Upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.**

<sup>13</sup> You will tread upon the lion cub and viper; you will trample down the lion and the serpent.

<sup>14</sup> **I will deliver those who cling to me; I will uphold them, because they know my name.**

<sup>15</sup> They will call me, and I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.

<sup>16</sup> **With long life will I satisfy them, and show them my salvation.**

**SECOND READING                      Romans 10:8b-13**

<sup>8b</sup> “The word is near you,  
on your lips and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup> because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is

saved. <sup>11</sup> The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” <sup>12</sup> For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. <sup>13</sup> For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

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

Luke 4:1-13

The Holy Gospel according to Luke

### Glory to you, O Lord

<sup>1</sup> Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, <sup>2</sup> where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. <sup>3</sup> The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” <sup>4</sup> Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’”

<sup>5</sup> Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. <sup>6</sup> And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. <sup>7</sup> If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” <sup>8</sup> Jesus answered him, “It is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,  
and serve only him.’”

<sup>9</sup> Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, <sup>10</sup> for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,  
to protect you,’

<sup>11</sup> and

‘On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

<sup>12</sup> Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" <sup>13</sup> When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

This is the gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

### + HYMN OF THE DAY    **A Mighty Fortress is Our God**

**ELW 504**



1 A    might - y    for - tress is    our God,    a sword and shield vic -  
2 No    strength of    ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -  
3 Though hordes of    dev - ils fill    the land    all threat - 'ning to de -  
4 God's    Word for - ev - er shall    a - bide,    no thanks to foes, who



to - rious;                    he breaks the    cruel op - pres - sor's    rod    and  
ject - ed.                    But now a    cham - pion comes to    fight,    whom  
vour us,                    we trem - ble    not,    un - moved we stand;    they  
fear it;                    for God him - self fights    by    our    side    with



wins sal - va - tion    glo - rious.                    The old sa - tan - ic foe  
God him - self e - lect - ed.                    You ask who this may be?  
can - not o - ver - pow'r us.                    Let this world's ty - rant rage;  
weap - ons of the    Spir - it.                    Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe!                    With craft and dread - ful might  
The Lord of hosts is he!                    Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,  
in bat - tle we'll en - gage!                    His might is doomed to fail;  
goods, hon - or, child, or spouse,                    though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight.                    On earth he has no e - qual.  
God's on - ly Son, a - dored.                    He holds the field vic - to - rious.  
God's judg - ment must pre - vail!                    One lit - tle word sub - dues him.  
they can - not win the day.                    The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!



## + APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole Church, let us confess of faith using the words of the 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

Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

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

***Congregational response:* Hear our prayer**

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

**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*

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## MUSICAL OFFERING

*Forty Days and Forty Nights*

*Charles Callahan*

**Charles Potter**

## + OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious Provider,

you set your immense treasures among us,  
opening your heart to the world.

As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love,  
deepen our commitment to sharing those  
treasures with others,  
through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

**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**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise... ..we praise your name 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**

*On the Night*

**+ THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us, using the language of your heart:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen**

## + INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread.

## THE 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.

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

On Eagle's Wings

ELW 787

Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song ELW 808

### ELW 787

Leader or All  
1 You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, who a-bide in this shad-ow for life.  
say to the Lord: "My ref - uge, my rock in whom I trust!"  
*Refrain*  
All  
And he will raise you up on ea-gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

2 The snare of the fowl-er will nev-er cap-ture you, and fam-ine will bring you no



fear; un-der God's wings your ref-uge, with faith-ful-ness your shield.



3 You need not fear the ter-ror of the night, nor the ar-row that flies by



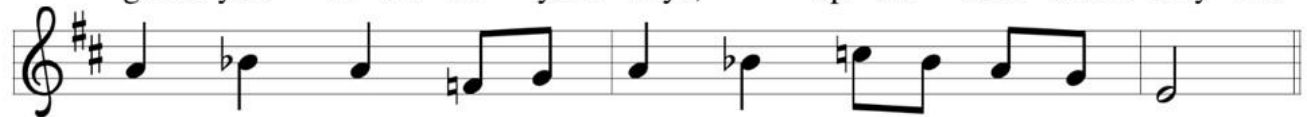
day; though thou-sands fall a - bout you, near you it shall not come.



4 For to the an-gels God's giv-en a com-mand to



guard you in all of your ways; up - on their hands they will



bear you up, lest you dash your foot a - gainst a stone.

Final refrain



And he will raise you up on ea-gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,



make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.



And hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.

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Music: ON EAGLE'S WINGS, Michael Joncas

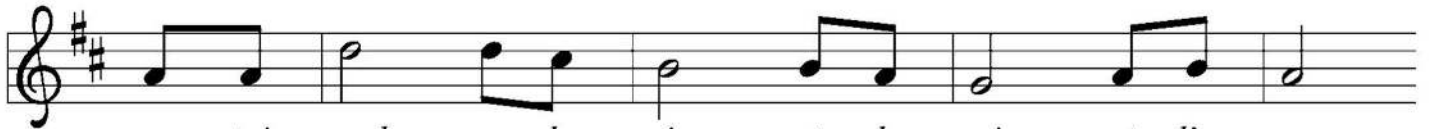
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1 *Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te;*  
 1 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney;  
 2 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.  
 3 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant,  
 4 I fear in the dark and the doubt of my jour - ney;



*Jé - sus, je vou - drais t'an - non - cer à mes voi - sins par - tout,*  
 I'll tell ev - 'ry - bod - y a - bout you wher - ev - er I go:  
 May all of my joy be a faith - ful re - flec - tion of you.  
 to car - ry your cross and to share all your bur - dens and tears.  
 but cour - age will come with the sound of your steps by my side.



*car toi seul es la vie et la paix et l'a - mour:*  
 you a - lone are our life and our peace and our love.  
 May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.  
 For you saved me by giv - ing your bod - y and blood.  
 And with all of the fam - 'ly you saved by your love,



*Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te.*  
 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney.  
 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.  
 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant.  
 we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our jour - ney.

**+ 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**

Generous Host,  
 you have shared your feast with us and made us new.

Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities,  
that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom,  
in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

‡ **SENDING** ‡

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

**+ BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord upon you and give you peace.  
In the name of the Father,  
and of the † Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit

**Amen**

**+ SENDING HYMN**

***Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word***

**ELW 517**



1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in your word; curb those who  
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are  
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, send peace and



by de - ceit or sword would wrest the king - dom from your Son  
Lord of lords a - lone; de - fend your ho - ly church, that we  
u - ni - ty on earth; sup - port us in our fi - nal strife



and bring to naught all he has done.  
may sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.  
and lead us out of death to life.

**+Dismissal**

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.  
**Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE**

*The Glory of These Forty Days*

Johann Pachelbel

**Charles Potter**