



**Second Sunday in Lent  
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**Holy Communion**  
**With One Voice Setting 5**

Welcome to worship here at Zion Lutheran Church – we are glad you're here! Though we sometimes doubt and often resist God's desire to protect and save us, our God persists. In holy baptism, God's people have been called and gathered into a God-initiated relationship that will endure. Lent provides the church with a time and a tradition in which to seek God's face again. Lent provides another occasion to behold the God of our salvation in the face of the Blessed One who "comes in the name of the Lord."

**WORSHIP NOTES:**

Thank you for joining us! 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 or in the blue hymnal supplement, *With One Voice*, handed out with your bulletin

Thank you for silencing all electronic devices.

**PRELUDE**

**Sue Robinson**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

‡ **GATHERING** ‡

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



1 Thy ho - ly wings, O Sav - ior, spread gent - ly o - ver me,  
 2 Oh, let me nes - tle near thee, with - in thy down - y breast  
 3 Oh, wash me in the wa - ters of No - ah's cleans - ing flood.



and let me rest se - cure - ly through good and ill in thee.  
 where I will find sweet com - fort and peace with - in thy nest.  
 Give me a will - ing spir - it, a heart both clean and good.



Oh, be my strength and por - tion, my rock and hid - ing place,  
 Oh, close thy wings a - round me and keep me safe - ly there,  
 Oh, take in - to thy keep - ing thy chil - dren great and small,



and let my ev - 'ry mo - ment be lived with - in thy grace.  
 for I am but a new - born and need thy ten - der care.  
 and while we sweet - ly slum - ber, en - fold us one and all.

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Music: BRED DINA VIDA VINGAR, Swedish folk tune

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

## + CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

We gather for worship today in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the  $\dagger$  Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**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**

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

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

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

**+ PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. God of the covenant, **in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in 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 15:1-12, 17-18**

<sup>1</sup> After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” <sup>2</sup> But Abram said, “O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” <sup>3</sup> And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” <sup>4</sup> But the word of the Lord came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” <sup>5</sup> He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” <sup>6</sup> And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

<sup>7</sup> Then he said to him, “I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.” <sup>8</sup> But he said, “O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?” <sup>9</sup> He said to him, “Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” <sup>10</sup> He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. <sup>11</sup> And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

<sup>12</sup> As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

<sup>17</sup> When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. <sup>18</sup> On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.”

The word of the Lord.            **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 27**

<sup>1</sup> The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

<sup>2</sup> **When evildoers close in against me to devour my flesh,  
they, my foes and my enemies, will stumble and fall.**

<sup>3</sup> Though an army encamp against me, my heart will not fear.

Though war rise up against me, my trust will not be shaken.

<sup>4</sup> **One thing I ask of the Lord; one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of  
the Lord all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek  
God in the temple.**

<sup>5</sup> For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter,

hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high up- on a rock.

<sup>6</sup> **Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me. Therefore I  
will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make  
music to the Lord.**

<sup>7</sup> Hear my voice, O Lord, when I call;

have mercy on me and answer me.

**8 My heart speaks your message— “Seek my face.”**

**Your face, O Lord, I will seek.**

**9 Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger.**

Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation.

**10 Though my father and my mother forsake me,  
the Lord will take me in.**

**11 Teach me your way, O Lord;**

lead me on a level path, because of my oppressors.

**12 Subject me not to the will of my foes,**

**for they rise up against me, false witnesses breathing violence.**

**13 This I believe—that I will see the goodness of the Lord**

in the land of the living!

**14 Wait for the Lord and be strong.**

**Take heart and wait for the Lord!**

## **SECOND READING Philippians 3:17 – 4:1**

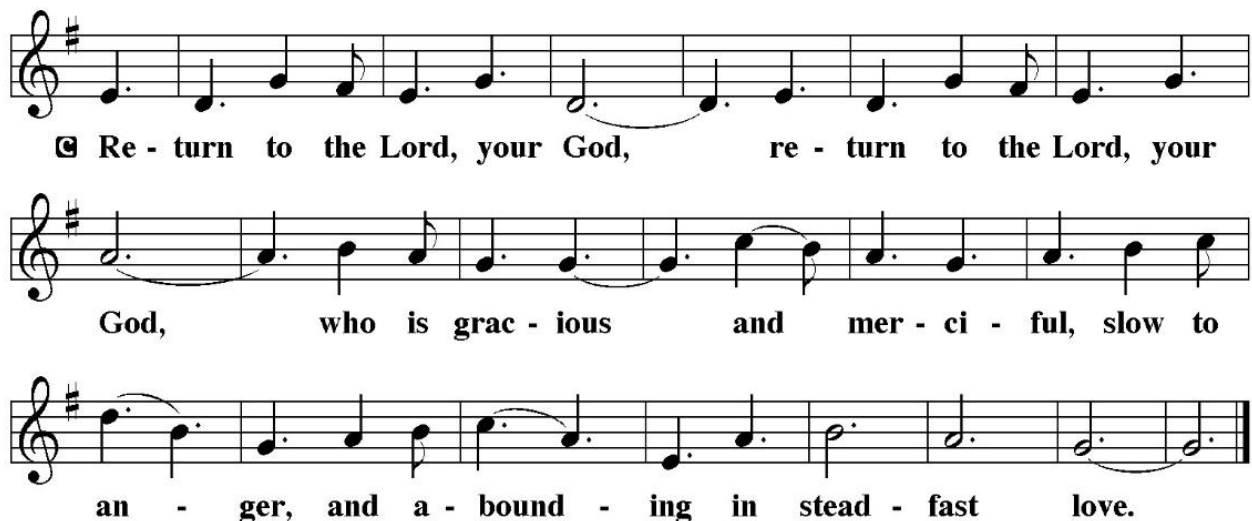
**17** Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. **18** For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. **19** Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. **20** But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. **21** He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. **4:1** Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

The Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

## **CHILDREN’S SERMON**

**+ LENTEN GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**WOV pp. 31-32**



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, re - turn to the Lord, your  
God, who is grac - ious and mer - ci - ful, slow to  
an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

**+ GOSPEL READING****Luke 13:31-35**

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup> At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” <sup>32</sup> He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. <sup>33</sup> Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’ <sup>34</sup> Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! <sup>35</sup> See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

This is the gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.****SERMON****+ HYMN OF THE DAY*****When Twilight Comes*****WOV 663**

1 When twi-light comes and the sun sets, moth - er hen pre-pares for  
 2 One day the Rab - bi, Lord Je - sus, called the twelve to share his  
 3 So gath-er round once a - gain, friends, touched by fad - ing glow of



night's rest. As her brood shel-ters un - der her wings, she  
 last meal. As the hen tends her young, so for them he  
 sun's gold, and re - count all our frail hu - man hopes: the



gives the love of God to her nest. Oh! what joy to  
 spent him - self to seek and to heal. Oh! what joy to  
 dreams of young and sto - ries of old. Oh! what joy to



feel her warm heart - beat and be near her all night long;  
 be with Christ Je - sus, hear his voice, oh! sheer de - light,  
 pray close to - geth - er, kneel-ing as one fam - i - ly,



so the young can find re - pose, then re - new to - mor - row's song.  
 and re - ceive his ser - vant care: all be - fore the com - ing night.  
 by a moth - er's love em - braced in the bless-ed Trin - i - ty.

## + APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our 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

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation, responding with, "hear our prayer".

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer**

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen**

## + SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you**

*Please share a sign of peace with one another at this time.*

## ‡ MEAL ‡

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ*

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**+ 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.**

**+ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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**

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

**+HOLY, HOLY, HOLY ELW p. 207**

☩ 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.

## + THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## + THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

**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      WOV p. 39

☐ 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,      grant us peace.

## DISTRIBUTION SONGS

*We Come to the Hungry Feast*

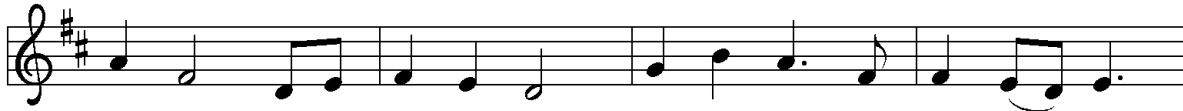
WOV 766

*Lord, You Give the Great Commission*

WOV 756

*In the Morning When I Rise*

WOV 777



1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.  
 2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased  
 3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,



To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is  
 from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,  
 and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay



not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.  
 poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.  
 with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

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1 Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the sick and  
 2 Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my name bap -  
 3 Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my bod - y,  
 4 Lord, you show us love's true mea - sure: "Fa - ther, what they  
 5 Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: "I am with you



preach the word." Lest the church ne - glect its mis - sion,  
 tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom - ise,  
 this my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glo - ry,  
 do, for - give." Yet we hoard as pri - vate trea - sure  
 to the end." Faith and hope and love re - stor - ing,



and the gos - pel go un - heard, help us wit - ness  
 life a - bun - dant meant for each, give us all new  
 dai - ly lift life heav - en - ward, ask - ing that the  
 all that you so free - ly give. May your care and  
 may we serve as you in - tend and, a - mid the



to your pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty:  
 fer - vor, draw us clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty:  
 world a - round us share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty:  
 mer - cy lead us to a just so - ci - e - ty:  
 cares that claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty:

*Refrain*



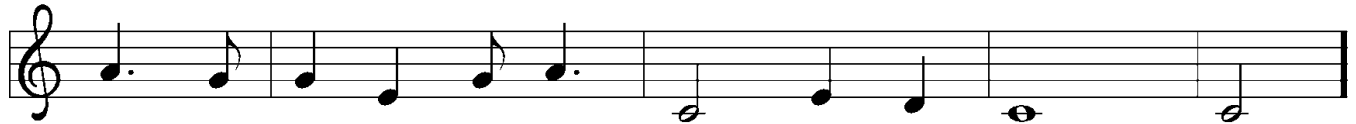
With the Spir - it's gifts em - pow'r us for the work of min - is - try.

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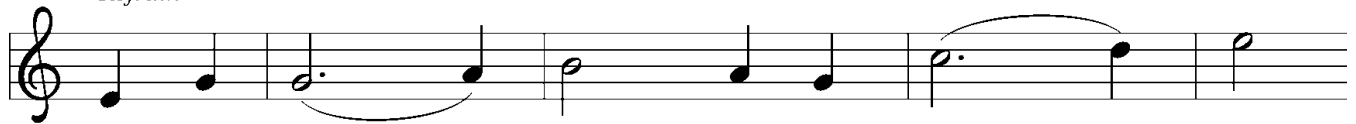


1 In the morn-ing when I rise, in the morn-ing when I rise,  
 2 Dark . . . mid-night was my cry, dark . . . mid-night was my cry,  
 3 Just a - bout the break of day, just a - bout the break of day,  
 4 Oh, . . . when I come to die, oh, . . . when I come to die,  
 5 And . . . when I want to sing, and . . . when I want to sing,



in the morn-ing when I rise, give me Je - sus.  
 dark . . . mid - night was my cry, give me Je - sus.  
 just a - bout the break of day, give me Je - sus.  
 oh, . . . . when I come to die, give me Je - sus.  
 and . . . . when I want to sing, give me Je - sus.

*Refrain*



Give me Je - sus, give me Je - sus.



You may have all the rest, give me Je - sus.

Text: African American spiritual  
 Music: GIVE ME JESUS, African American spiritual

**+ POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

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**

May the Lord bless you and keep you.  
 May the Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
 May the Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.  
**Amen**

**+ SENDING HYMN**

***Bind Us Together***

**WOV 748**

*Refrain*  
 F Dm Gm

Bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er with cords that

C<sup>7</sup> F F

can - not be bro - ken. Bind us to - geth - er, Lord,

Dm Gm C F

bind us to - geth - er, Lord; bind us to - geth - er in love.

F C<sup>7</sup> F F C<sup>7</sup> F

1 There . . is on - ly one God. There . . is on - ly one King.  
 2 You are the fam-'ly of God. You are the prom-ise di - vine.

F C<sup>7</sup> F F C<sup>7</sup> F *Refrain* B<sup>b</sup>/C

There . . is on - ly one Bod-y; that . . is why we can sing:  
 You are God's cho-sen de - sire, you are the glo-rious new wine.

**+ DISMISSAL**

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

**POSTLUDE**

**Sue Robinson**