

Sunday Worship
March 8, 2026
Third Sunday in Lent



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SUNDAY
IN
LENT

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WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP CELEBRATION!

Thanks for coming to be with us at Zion Lutheran Church. If you are visiting with us for the first time, will you please fill out a visitor card, available in the pew rack in front of you, and drop it in the offering plate. Whether this is your first visit or you worship here regularly, we are delighted that you chose to share with us. We worship together on Saturday at 5:00 p.m. and Sunday at 10:00 a.m. If you have a “prayer request” or a “praise report”, please let the pastor know. God bless you on your journey of faith.

INTRODUCTION

In today’s gospel the Samaritan woman asks 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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

Arr. Keesecker

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS James 5:16; 1John 1:8-9

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

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: 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.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Gracious God,

C: **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P: 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 + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

HYMN Red hymnal #333

Jesus is a Rock in a Weary Land

GREETING / PRAYER OF THE DAY 2 Corinthians 13:13

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray . . .

C: **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**

KYRIE

Red Hymnal pg.147



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



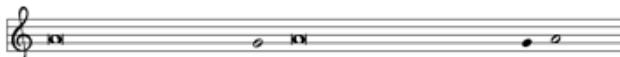
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



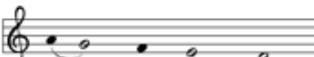
Lord, have mer - cy.



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 wor-ship and praise,

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

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

CHILDRENS SERMON

FIRST READING: Exodus 17:1-7

R: ¹ 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. ² The 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?” ³ But 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?” ⁴ So Moses cried out to the LORD, “What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” ⁵

The 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. ⁶ I 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. ⁷ He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?”

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 95

R: ¹ Come, let us sing to the LORD; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

C: ² **Let us come before God’s presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.**

R: ³ For you, LORD, are a great God, and a great ruler above all gods.

C: ⁴ **In your hand are the caverns of the earth; the heights of the hills are also yours.**

R: ⁵ The sea is yours, for you made it, and your hands have molded the dry land.

C: ⁶ **Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our maker.**

R: ⁷ For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand. Oh, that today you would hear God's voice!

C: ⁸ **"Harden not your hearts, as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert.**

R: ⁹ There your ancestors tested me, they put me to the test, though they had seen my works.

C: ¹⁰ **Forty years I loathed that generation, saying, 'The heart of this people goes astray; they do not know my ways.'**

R: ¹¹ Indeed I swore in my anger, 'They shall never come to my rest.'"

SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-11

R: ¹ Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³ And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. ⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸ But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹ Much more surely, therefore, since we have now been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰ For 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. ¹¹ But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

R: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Red Hymnal 151



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.

HOLY GOSPEL

P: The Gospel according to **John 4:5-42**

C: **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.⁶ Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.⁷ A 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.)⁹ The 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.)¹⁰ Jesus 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."¹¹ The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?"¹² Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?"¹³ Jesus 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."¹⁵ The 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."¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back."¹⁷ The 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!"¹⁹ The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet."²⁰ Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem."²¹ Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem."²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.²³ But 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.²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."²⁵ The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us."²⁶ Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."²⁷ Just 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?"²⁸ Then 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?"³⁰ They left the city and were on their way to him.³¹ Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something."³² But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know

about.”³³ So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?”³⁴ Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work.”³⁵ Do 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.³⁶ The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together.³⁷ For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’³⁸ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”³⁹ Many 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.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDRENS SERMON

SERMON Pastor Jaren Summers

HYMN Red Hymnal #611

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD

APOSTLE’S CREED

P: Let us confess our faith.

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 again 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 (*Response after each petition*) 1 Timothy 2:1-2

P: Lord in your mercy,
C: **Hear our prayer . . .**

OFFERING—Invitation—God’s Work Continues

OFFERTORY SONG Hymn #186

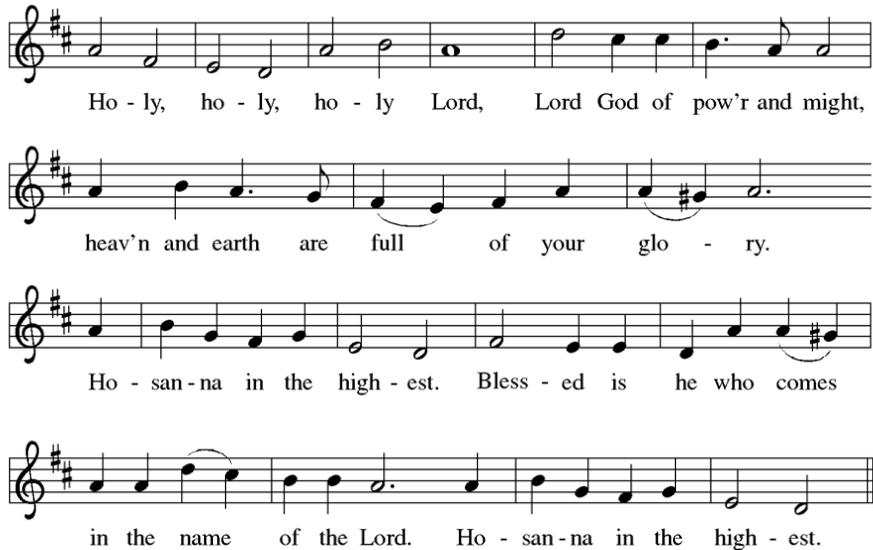
Create in Me a Clean Heart

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

COMMUNION PREFACE

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.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to You, almighty and merciful God...And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
 heav'n 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

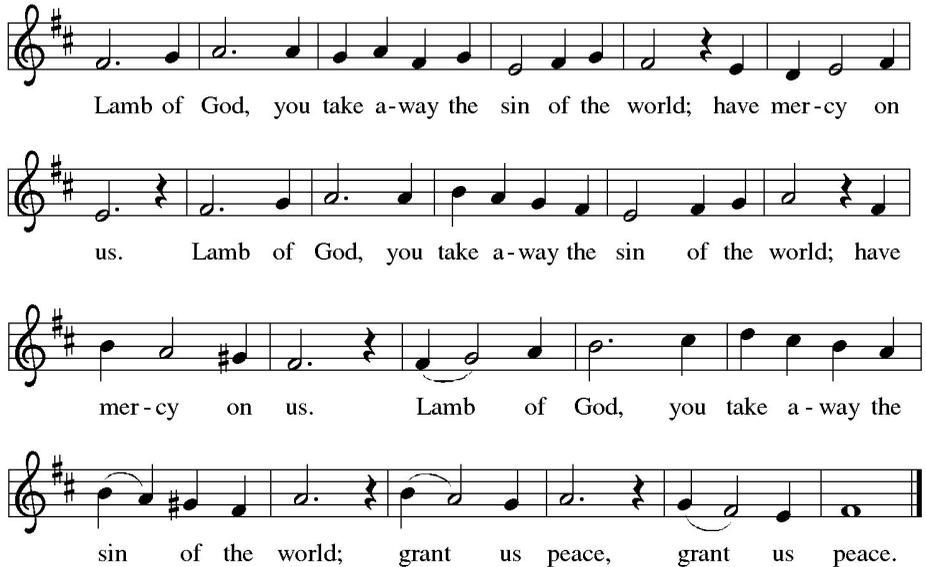
- P: Blessed are you...
 ...With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:
- C: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**
- P: O God of resurrection and new life:
 Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine.
 Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.
- C: **Come, Holy Spirit.**
- P: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
 Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us.
 Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.
- C: **Come, Holy Spirit.**
- P: With your holy ones...now and forever.
- C: **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER Matthew 6:9-13

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 confess Jesus as their Lord and Savior and believe in the real presence of Christ in the sacrament are invited to receive Holy Communion.)*

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pg. 154**



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.

BLESSING Numbers 6:23-26

P: Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

HYMN Red hymnal #623

Rock of Ages

DISMISSAL Luke 7:50

P: Who are we at Zion Lutheran Church?

C: **We are disciples Rooted in Christ and Growing in Faith**

P: Go in peace. Believe in the good news.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Wade in the Water

Arr. Harbach

*The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God
by Aaron & Brittany Fouts in memory of Aaron's mom, Laurie Fouts.*

*Prayer concerns for Zion's prayer chain may be submitted
using a 'Prayer Request' card from the pew rack.*

In Helpful Service

Pastor	Jaren Summers
Communion Assist	John Williams
Reader	Katie Kessler
Greeter	Katie Sonnanstine
Ushers	Chuck & Erma Swanson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FABRIC NEEDED FOR THE QUILTERS These ladies are so productive that they are running out of fabric. If you have any COTTON fabric that you no longer want/need, please donate it.

MOMENT FOR FELLOWSHIP We invite you to stay after worship for coffee, juice, and donuts in the lobby. We are looking for **two volunteers** each week to help with simple setup, brewing coffee, and cleanup. If you can help serve, a signup sheet is located in the fellowship hall. We look forward to seeing you there.

ORDER YOUR ZION T-SHIRT - DEADLINE IS TODAY

We have Zion T-Shirts available for the congregation to order! Shirts are a great way to show your love of Zion within the community. They are also a helpful tool to be recognized easily at events within the community and hosted at Zion. Please see the posters located around the building to view your color options (Grey, Purple, Blue, or Red). Shirts are available in both Adult and Youth sizes. There is a poster showing the colors and size charts for adults and youth in the fellowship hall and a smaller chart beside the order forms on the table in the narthex. Please return your order form with cash or check to the envelope in the workroom by **TODAY**.

WORSHIP PARTICIPATION OPEN HOUSE - TODAY

Pastor Jaren and the Communications/Welcoming Committee invite you to stay after worship if you want to learn about different ways to participate in worship. We will be covering different opportunities like serving as greeters, ushers, communion assistants, and readers. There will also be an opportunity to learn about choir. We invite you to stay after worship if you have any questions or are simply curious about participating in worship.

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY The VA is in dire need of walker bags. Volunteers to sew an easy pattern are needed. Walker bag patterns can be obtained from Maggie Powder or Kathy Groth.

THIS WEEK AT ZION

Sunday, March 8	After service Worship Participation Open House 5:00 pm	Moment of Fellowship Women of Zion
Monday, March 9	10:30 am 3:30 pm	Mission Quilts TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)
Tuesday, March 10	10:00 am 5:00 pm 7:00 pm 8:00 pm	Mission Quilts Welcome/Commun. Meeting Council Meeting AA
Wednesday, March 11	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal

LENT SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday

Saturday, March 28 - 5:00 pm

Sunday, March 29 - 10:00 am

Lunch & Easter Egg Hunt - Following Service

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 2 - 7:00 pm

Good Friday

Friday, April 3 - 7:00 pm

Easter

Saturday, April 4 - 5:00 pm

Sunday, April 5 - 10:00 am

Jaren Summers, *Pastor*; Bill Jones & Susie Gray, *Choir Directors*;
Lori Sebastian, *Organist*; Jessica Dorn, *Christian Education Director*;
Annette Calicoat, *Office Admin*; Sue Rambeau, *Treasurer*;
Tina Putnam, *Custodian*