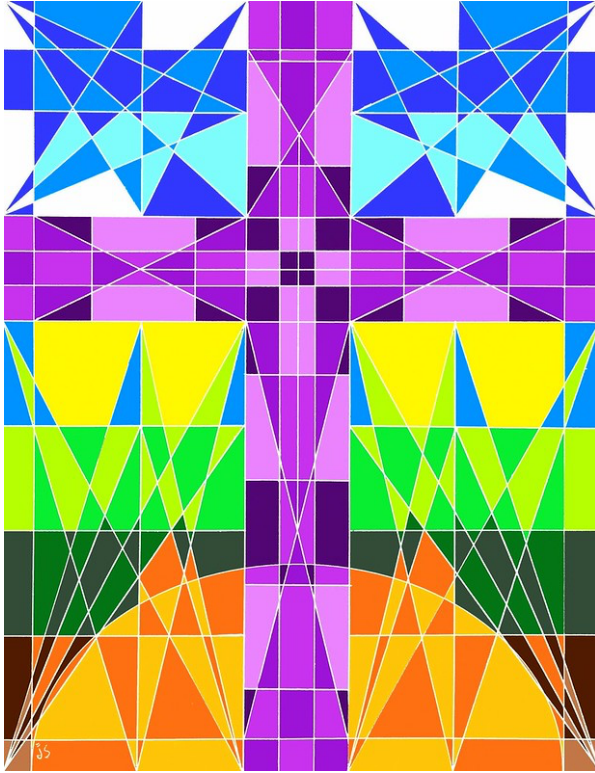


# First Sunday in Lent

## February 18, 2024



*On Ash Wednesday the church began its journey toward baptismal immersion in the death and resurrection of Christ. This year, the Sundays in Lent lead us to focus on five covenants God makes in the Hebrew Scriptures and to use them as lenses through which to view baptism. First Peter connects the way God saved Noah's family in the flood with the way God saves us through the water of baptism. The baptismal covenant is made with us individually, but the new life we are given in baptism is for the sake of the whole world.*



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# Welcome to Zion!

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*Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love... (Joel 2:13)*

Welcome – whether this is your home congregation or your first visit, we're glad you're here!

We welcome all people in the name of Christ to experience God's goodness and grace in Word, water, and meal. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, there is a place for you to belong at Zion.

## Get Connected at Zion

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The best ways to stay connected are to visit our website, follow us on social media (@zionchurchdfb on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter), and subscribe to our weekly newsletter.

## Children in Worship

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Children are God's gift to our church! They are not the future of our church; they are the right now. The way we welcome children here directly affects the way they respond to the Church, to God, and to one another.

We welcome children and their families to sit near the Playground at the front of the sanctuary. There are coloring activities, puzzles, books, and a toolbox to engage in our worship together.

## Giving

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We appreciate your stewardship of treasure, talent, and time at Zion. You may leave your offerings in the offering plates or give online via our website or this QR code.



## Livestreaming

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Zion livestreams all our services on Facebook and YouTube. Any person present gives consent to being filmed or photographed.



Zion is a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) community, and extends God's radical welcome to all people, because we're all created in God's image.

# We Gather

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## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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 you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN

Hymn #238

The Great Litany (*see announcements for explanation*)

## APOSTOLIC 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

Hymn #157

*Kyrie eleison is Greek for "Lord, have mercy."*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together... **Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## We Hear & Respond to God's Word

*The readings are found on the "Today's Readings" insert.*

### FIRST READING

Genesis 9:8-17

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

### RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 25:1-10

*Using the psalm tone printed on the insert, the Cantor and the assembly will chant the Psalm responsively.*

### SECOND READING

1 Peter 3:18-22

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

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The musical notation is written on two staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff is for the Cantor and the second for the Assembly. Both parts use a simple melodic line with quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are: "Come let us re - turn to the Lord, come, let us re - turn to the Lord;" for the Cantor and "Come, let us re - turn to the Lord, let us re-turn to the Lord." for the Assembly.

### GOSPEL

Mark 1:9-15

*Before the reading:* The Holy Gospel according to Mark...

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*After the reading:* These are the words of our Lord. They are true and can be trusted. **Praise to you, O Christ!**

### GOD'S MESSAGE FOR ALL

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

**APOSTLES’ CREED**

Together with all Christians of every time, place, and space, 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 THE PEOPLE****SHARING OF PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always! **And also with you.**

**OFFERING & ANNOUNCEMENTS****We Feast at the Lord’s Table**

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**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 God thanks and praise.**

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, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. 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:

5 Ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of heav-en-ly hosts.

9 Ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of heav-en-ly hosts.

13 Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry.

16 Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na in the high -

19 - est. Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na!

23 Bless-ed is he who comes! Bless-ed is he who comes!

Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

# LORD'S PRAYER

Music by Cantor Peter J. Rizzo

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:



Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - low - ed be your  
name, hal - low - ed be your name. Your king - dom come, your  
will be done, on earth as it is in hea - ven, on earth as it is in hea - ven.  
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread and for - give us all our  
sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us, as we for - give those who sin a -  
gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al and de - li - ver us from  
e - vil, de - tiv - er us from e - vil. For yours is the  
king - dom, the pow - er and the glo - ry, for - e - ver and e - ver, for  
e - ver and e - ver. A - men, a - men. A - men.

## SHARING THE MEAL

Here is bread for the journey, a feast for hungry hearts.

Come to the table of mercy and grace.

*During the season of Lent, our meal is shared in silence.  
You are encouraged to use this time for prayer and contemplation.*

# We Are Sent into the World

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## BLESSING FOR STRENGTH

May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ comfort, strengthen, and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together...**Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life. Amen.**

## BLESSING

Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. May God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

Hymn #325, Verse 1

"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

## DISMISSAL

The worship has ended. Now the service begins. Go in peace. Share your bread with the world. **Thanks be to God!**

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## Holy Communion at Zion

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Christ's table is open to all! We offer grape juice for those who desire. If, for reasons of conscience or health, you are unable to receive either the bread or the wine, please know that the Church affirms the full presence of Christ in each element.



## For Whom & For What Shall We Pray?

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If you would like to submit a name(s) to include in our **Prayers of the People**, please use an index card from the Welcome Table and place it in the prayer basket at the altar **before the Hymn of the Day**. In order to keep our prayer list current, all names must be resubmitted each week if you desire continued prayers.

## About the Great Litany

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Litanies are a very old form of prayer in worship. The word litany comes from the Latin *litania*, from the Greek λιτή (litê), meaning “prayer” or “supplication.” The frequent repetition of the Kyrie was probably the original form of the litany. The Great Litany is said to be the first prayer composed in the English language (that is, not an English translation from another language) for use in public worship by Thomas Cranmer in the Anglican tradition. In the Great Litany, nearly every general area of prayer is addressed including prayer for various aspects of the church, the world, the government, and the poor. These petitions are prefaced by a series of requests asking God to deliver us from all manner of afflictions: evil, sin, heresy, schism, natural disasters, political disasters, violence, death, etc. Because of its penitential tone, it is especially appropriate during Lent.

## Opportunities to “Just Show Up”

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### Looking Ahead to Wednesdays in Lent

February 21 & 28, March 6, 13, & 20 in Katie Luther Chapel



**5:30 p.m. Dinner**

**6:00 p.m. Conversation**

**7:30 p.m. Evening Prayer**

In partnership with Deerfield Beach Community Cares, we are hosting a series of classes on food

and money for our Nina's Place families. The first three weeks will cover food-related topics, be facilitated by Feeding South Florida, and be offered in English, Spanish, and Creole. The last two classes will cover budgeting and credit and be facilitated by First Horizon Bank.

Let's demonstrate our Zion spirit of hospitality. We will help serve dinner, eat and learn with our neighbors, and end the evening with prayer. Holden Evening Prayer will also be livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube.

## **Opportunities to Serve Joyfully & Give Selflessly**

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### **Fill the Soup Pot: Spare Change & Soup Continues**

Continuing through the end of February, you are invited to bring your spare change for a "noisy offering" and cans of soup to worship on Sunday mornings. The spare change will go toward buying additional shelf-stable items for our friends at Nina's Place.

**Sunday Morning Worship Leadership** (Greeters, Assisting Ministers, Readers, Coffee Fellowship)



**Prayer Team at Nina's Place!**

**Nina's Place** is always in need of volunteers! To get connected for our Thursday & Friday food deliveries, speak to Cantor Kurt Schmidt to be added to the What's App group. To sign up for a Saturday volunteer spot, visit [www.ninasplacedfb.org](http://www.ninasplacedfb.org).



# Today's Readings

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## Prayer of the Day

Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## First Reading

Genesis 9:8-17

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, <sup>9</sup>“As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, <sup>10</sup>and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. <sup>11</sup>I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” <sup>12</sup>God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: <sup>13</sup>I have set my bow

in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. <sup>14</sup>When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, <sup>15</sup>I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. <sup>16</sup>When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” <sup>17</sup>God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

## Psalm

Psalm 25:1-10; tone 10



To <sup>1</sup>you, O LORD,  
I lift <sup>1</sup>up my soul.  
<sup>2</sup>My God, I put my trust in you;  
let me not be <sup>1</sup>put to shame,  
nor let my enemies  
triumph <sup>1</sup>over me.  
<sup>3</sup>Let none who look to you  
be <sup>1</sup>put to shame;

rather let those be put to shame  
<sup>1</sup>who are treacherous.  
<sup>4</sup>Show me your <sup>1</sup>ways, O LORD,  
and teach <sup>1</sup>me your paths.  
<sup>5</sup>Lead me in your <sup>1</sup>truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted  
all <sup>1</sup>the day long.

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*Psalm, continued*

**<sup>6</sup>Remember, O LORD,  
your compas-<sup>1</sup> sion and love,  
for they are from<sup>1</sup> everlasting.  
<sup>7</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth  
and<sup>1</sup> my transgressions;  
remember me  
according to your steadfast love  
and for the sake  
of your good-<sup>1</sup> ness, O LORD.**

**<sup>8</sup>You are gracious and up-<sup>1</sup> right,  
O LORD;  
therefore you teach sinners  
<sup>1</sup> in your way.  
<sup>9</sup>You lead the low-<sup>1</sup> ly in justice  
and teach the low-<sup>1</sup> ly your way.  
<sup>10</sup>All your paths, O LORD,  
are steadfast<sup>1</sup> love and faithfulness  
to those who keep your covenant  
and your<sup>1</sup> testimonies.**

## Second Reading

1 Peter 3:18-22

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit,<sup>19</sup> in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison,<sup>20</sup> who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a

few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water.<sup>21</sup> And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,<sup>22</sup> who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

## Gospel

Mark 1:9-15

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.<sup>10</sup> And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him.<sup>11</sup> And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

<sup>12</sup>And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness.

<sup>13</sup>He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God,<sup>15</sup> and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

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