

First Sunday in Lent
Second Sunday Healing Service
March 9, 2025



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.



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Welcome to Zion!

***“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

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

Children in Worship

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

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

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

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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 for self-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.**

GATHERING HYMN

ELW Hymn #238

"Great Litany"

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

ELW Hymn #157

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together... **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.**

We Hear & Respond to God's Word

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

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

SECOND READING

Romans 10:8b-13

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Cantor **Assembly**

Come let us re - turn to the Lord, come, let us re - turn to the Lord;

All

Come, let us re - turn to the Lord, let us re-turn to the Lord.

GOSPEL

Luke 4:1-13

Before the reading: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading: The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ!

GOD'S MESSAGE FOR ALL

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW Hymn #333

"Jesus is a Rock in a Weary Land"

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

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.

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

16

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

19

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

23

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

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth, for you have had mercy on us and given your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for the priceless grace you have bestowed upon us through Jesus Christ, who died upon the tree of Calvary and rose again to make us living branches, drawing our life from him and bearing fruit in all the world. Send your Holy Spirit, the Spirit of truth and power, to renew our faith as we receive our crucified and risen Lord who comes to us in his body and blood.

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

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 - liv - 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

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

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

*Today, worshippers will be invited to receive the laying on of hands
and anointing for healing. Those who are worshipping online are
invited to make the sign of the cross on their own foreheads, or that of
a family member, and say the following words:*

*Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, send your Holy Spirit upon your
servant; drive away all sickness of body and spirit; make whole that
which is broken; deliver me/her/him/them from the power of evil; and*

preserve me/her/him/them in true faith, to share in the power of Christ's resurrection and to serve you with all the saints now and evermore. Amen.

We Are Sent into the World

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 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.**

BLESSING

Beloved in the Lord, God has shown you what is good. What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

ELW Hymn #325, Verse 1

"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

DISMISSAL

The worship has ended. Now the service begins. Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you. **Thanks be to God!**

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Today's Readings

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Prayer of the Day

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.**

First Reading

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

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, ²you 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. ³You 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." ⁴When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, ⁵you 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. ⁶When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸The 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; ⁹and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰So 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. ¹¹Then 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.

Psalm

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16; tone 6



You who dwell in the shelter
of ¹the Most High,
who abide in the shadow
of ¹the Almighty—
²you will say to the LORD,
"My refuge ¹and my stronghold,
my God in whom I ¹put my trust."

⁹Because you have made the ¹LORD
your refuge,
and the Most High your ¹habitation,
¹⁰no evil ¹will befall you,
nor shall affliction
come ¹near your dwelling.

continued

Psalm, continued

¹¹For God will give the angels
charge ¹ over you,
to guard you in ¹ all your ways.

¹²**Upon their hands**
they will ¹ bear you up,
lest you strike your foot
a- ¹ gainst a stone.

¹³You will tread
upon the lion ¹ cub and viper;
you will trample down
the lion ¹ and the serpent.

¹⁴**I will deliver those who ¹ cling to me;**
I will uphold them,
because they ¹ know my name.

¹⁵They will call me,
and I will ¹ answer them;
I will be with them in trouble;
I will rescue and ¹ honor them.

¹⁶**With long life will I ¹ satisfy them,**
and show them ¹ my salvation.

Second Reading

Romans 10:8b-13

“The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart”
(that is, the word of faith that we pro-
claim); ⁹because 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. ¹⁰For one
believes with the heart and so is justi-

fied, and one confesses with the mouth
and so is saved. ¹¹The scripture says, “No
one who believes in him will be put to
shame.” ¹²For there is no distinction be-
tween Jew and Greek; the same Lord is
Lord of all and is generous to all who
call on him. ¹³For, “Everyone who calls
on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

Gospel

Luke 4:1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned
from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit
in the wilderness, ²where 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. ³The devil
said to him, “If you are the Son of God,
command this stone to become a loaf of
bread.” ⁴Jesus answered him, “It is writ-
ten, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’”

⁵Then the devil led him up and
showed him in an instant all the king-
doms of the world. ⁶And 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. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it
will all be yours.” ⁸Jesus answered him,
“It is written,

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

⁹Then the devil took him to
Jerusalem, and placed him on the pin-
nacle of the temple, saying to him, “If
you are the Son of God, throw yourself
down from here, ¹⁰for it is written,

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

¹¹and

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

¹²Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do
not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

¹³When the devil had finished every test,
he departed from him until an oppor-
tune time.

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