

March 16, 2025



# Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

## Lutheran Church- Missouri Synod

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<u>PAX Worship</u>	<b>8:00AM</b>
<u>Traditional</u>	<b>10:00AM</b>
<u>Monday</u>	<b>7:00PM</b>

## Midweek Lenten Series- "Hand of the Lord"

### Lenten Midweek #3- Wed, March 19

Vicar Friedrich- "Casts our Demons"

### Lenten Midweek #4- Wed, March 26

Pastor Tuma- "Heals the Sick"

### Lenten Midweek #5- Wed, April 2

Vicar Friedrich- "Raises the Dead"

### Lenten Midweek #6- Wed, April 9

Pastor Bruce- "Holds all Things"

(Confirmation questioning following service)

### Palm Sunday, April 13 at 8 am & Confirmation 10 am

### Maundy Thursday, April 17 at 12:15 pm & 7 pm (Communion)

### Good Friday (Tenebrae), April 18 at 7:30 pm

### Sunrise Service, April 20 at 6:30 am & PAX Easter at 9 am (Easter Breakfast following Sunrise Service)



**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Those continuing to battle various afflictions: Mari Ortmeier, Nate Bolling, Shawn Dozy & Dawn Tucker, Lavonne Fleeer, Dawn Flinn, Rayleen Wesemann, Pastor Birtella, Addie Voelker, Les Richmond, Paul Hixson, Gayle Sporleder, Carol Herbelsheimer, Emmett Peters, Paige Peters, Callum, Betty Henzler

### SERVANTS - March 16

**TIME** **8:00am PAX**  
**GREETERS** Sandy Buckendahl  
Marilyn Altwine  
**ELDER** Brian Blecher  
**USHERS** Trevor Montgomery  
Payton Montgomery  
**ACOLYTES** Teigan Warneke  
Jaxon Koerting

**TIME** **10:00am**  
**GREETERS** Lynette & Holly Koehler  
Willie Wesemann  
**ELDER** Blaine Bockelman  
**USHERS** Makenna Blecher  
Brock Collison  
**ACOLYTES** Caybri Monroe  
Keegan Holan

### SERVANTS - March 17

**TIME** 7:00pm  
**ELDER** Fred Marks  
**ACOLYTES** McKenna Deiterman  
Burkley Collison

### SERVANTS - March 23 (Comm.)

**TIME** **8:00am PAX**  
**GREETERS** Scott & Danielle  
Peekenschneider  
**ELDER** Eric Retzlaff  
**USHERS** Emily & Natalie Endorf  
**ACOLYTES** Mason Gnirk  
Lenox Beacom

**TIME** **10:00am**  
**GREETERS** Andy & Tami White  
**ELDER** Tom Weinrich  
**USHERS** Draydin & Bergin  
Gossman  
**ACOLYTES** Raegan Lambrecht  
Carter Wachter

### SERVANTS - March 24 (Comm.)

**TIME** 7:00pm  
**ELDER** Rick Sirek  
**ACOLYTES** Shaylie & Carter  
Wachter

**Rev. Gordon W. Bruce**  
Senior Pastor

**Vicar Jacob Friedrich**

**Mr. Derek Jareske**  
Director of Christian Ed.

**Miss Amanda Jareske**  
**Mrs. Amy Weber-Podany**  
Church Secretary

**Mrs. April Anson**  
School Secretary

**Mrs. Sierra Fleeer**  
7th/8th Grade

**Mrs. Susan Harstad**  
5th/6th Grade

**Mrs. Kelly Stonacek**  
3rd/4th Grade

**Mrs. Elizabeth Gleason**  
2nd Grade

**Mrs. Jennifer Rohrich**  
1st Grade

**Mrs. Misty Steffen**  
Kindergarten

**Miss Sydney Slater**  
Preschool

**Mrs. Tara Oestreich**  
Para-educator

**Mrs. Carol Lutz**  
Para-educator

**Mrs. Brooke Kilcoin**  
Para-educator

<u>SUNDAY- MARCH 16</u>	8:00am 9:00am 10:00am 5:00pm	PAX (Communion) Bible Classes/Sunday School Traditional Worship (Comm.) Fusion Youth
<u>MONDAY- MARCH 17</u>	6:00pm 7:00pm 8:00pm	Trustee Meeting Vespers Elders Meeting
<u>WEDNESDAY- MARCH 19</u>	7:00am 12:15pm 4:00pm 5:15pm 6:00pm 7:00pm	Women's Bible Study Lent Service Confirmation Faith Weavers Lenten Meal Lent Service
<u>THURSDAY- MARCH 20</u>	6:30am 1:00pm 2:00pm	Men's Bible Study Quilters LLL
<u>SATURDAY- MARCH 22</u>	5:00pm	Wild Game Feed
<u>SUNDAY- MARCH 23</u>	8:00am 9:00am 10:00am	PAX Worship Bible classes/Sunday School Traditional Worship

**OUR CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP: March 9: Pax– 100 Traditional– 60 Vespers–0 Midweek(March 12): 12:15pm– 22 7:00pm– 40 General–\$13,580.55 Mission-\$55.00 Debt- \$135.00 Direct Deposit (February)- \$700.00 Matching Debt Funds- \$55,899.26 Operating Debt Balance– \$66,021.07**

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR:** The Lutheran Hour—“**Light of the World**” Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Jesus is the Light of the world. However, He sometimes keeps that light out of the visible range. We can't see it, but it changes what we see (John 8:12).

**PAST STUDENT FILES :** Any past students that would like their cumulative file are welcome to stop by the school office to get them. If you do not want the files, they will be shredded. **Please contact the school office with questions at 402-329-4658.**

**THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS:** Eligible benefit members (age 16 and older) of Thrivent Financial, can help choose where Thrivent distributes part of its charitable funds each year. Call 1-800-847-4836 and say “Thrivent Choice” or visit [www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice). The deadline to designate for 2024 is March 28, 2025. You do not need any certificate number or birth date. It is very simple. Zion Lutheran Church or the School both can receive these choice dollars.

**HEARING IMPAIRED PARISHIONERS:** Personal hearing receivers are available in the guest book podium. Please take the case with you and remember to put them back in their case and return them to the podium, or usher, when you are done. If you are having a problem with one of them, please turn it in to an Elder or Usher and let them know of the problem

**TUITION ASSISTANCE:** If you would like to donate to the tuition assistance account at Zion Lutheran School, please send donations to the school marked for tuition assistance. Any questions contact the school office at 402-329-4658. Thank you for helping students have a Christian education!

**SCRIP:** If you would like to purchase Scrip, order forms are available in the NARTHEX. Order forms and/or Raise Right purchases need to be submitted before Tuesday of each week. Contact the school office at 402-329-4658 with any questions.

**15th Annual WILD GAME FEED:** This year's Wild Game Feed will be held on **Saturday, March 22nd at the Pavillion on the Pierce County Fairgrounds!** All are invited to join us for the food, auction, games and fun at this family friendly and Christ centered event. The buffet will open at **5:00pm** and the live auction and music will begin around **7:30pm**. Donations are now being accepted for the Wild Game Feed Buffet (fish is always needed) and the Live and Silent Auction. If you have questions or would like to donate, please reach out to Kyle & Ashley Halsey or Lydee Jo Krueger. Please follow the Wild Game Feed on Facebook, and if you need any additional information or have questions, please reach out to on the Wild Game Feed Committee Members!

**Letters from Zion Alumni and Friends:** On the south bulletin board in the narthex, there are messages from former members, students, and friends of Zion Lutheran School and Church. We have received a couple of them within the past couples of weeks. Please take the time to read these notes from members, classmates, and friends that you may know.

**SWEET TREAT SIGNUP:** Sweet Treat sign up for the Wild Game Feed is in the NARTHEX.

**PUFFIN PASTRIES:** Based on the most recent update we have received, Pastry Puffin orders should be available for pick up starting on March 18th after 5:30PM at Zion Lutheran Church. Some students will be working to make their deliveries right away after Tuesday, but if you would like to pick up your order from the church directly, someone will be available to assist with pick up on March 18th from 5:30PM to 6:30PM. Otherwise, orders could also be picked up during regular business hours throughout the week, if you would prefer. Again, if anything changes, we will make sure to keep you updated.

**EASTER LILLIES:** If anyone would like to donate or bring in an Easter Lilly in memory of a loved one or for the Glory of God, please drop them off in the office. Let the office know if you want your name listed in the bulletin.

**BAPTISMS:** Paige Peters & Emmett Cole Peters (son of Paige & Brody Peters). Sponsors for Emmett are: Alison Korth & Zachary Detour

**5th & 6th Grade Fundraiser:** They are selling ready to bake pizzas from Pizza Ranch for their upcoming trip in May to Ponca State Park. Also, if anyone has a propane camping stove that could be used for their trip, please contact/let the Vicar know.

**MEALS ON WHEELS:** Sign up for April is back in the church office & the NARTHEX.

**MERCY MEALS:** The Fusion Youth Group has signed up to assist with the Spring Pack Away Hunger Day hosted by Mercy Meals on the afternoon of Saturday, April 5th. If any youth students would like to help with this endeavor on this date, please let us know, as soon as possible, as space is limited. More information about start and end times will be announced once we receive our information packet from the Mercy Meals planning team, so please continue to check back for more details

**PIERCE HIGH FFA STUDENTS:** In support of Mrs. Lavonne Fleeer, the FFA is hosting a ALS color run & walk on **Sunday, April 6 at 12:30-2:30 pm**. Proceeds will go to the Fleeer family for medical expenses. The deadline to signup is **March 24**. To sponsor, please contact Pierce High FFA Service project managers Scarlett Bahl (402) 750-8453 or Claudia Riggert (402) 649-4083. Register to run at [HTTPS://RUNSIGNUP.COM/RACE/NE/PIERCECOLORRUNWALKFORMRSFLEER2025](https://runsignup.com/race/NE/PIERCECOLORRUNWALKFORMRSFLEER2025)

**FUSION YOUTH MEETING:** Our next monthly Fusion Youth Group meeting for 7th-12th grade youth students is currently scheduled to take place **today**, March 16th, from **5PM to 8PM in the Zion gym/fellowship hall**. If you are considering joining us for the fun, consider bringing a friend! A meal will be served, and no money is needed for this portion of the meeting.

**YOUTH LENTEN MEAL:** If any youth families would like to assist with this endeavor, please look for more information, and a way to sign up to volunteer, on our church website under the “Youth Ministries” tab. The Fusion Youth Group will be hosting their Lenten meal on Wednesday, March 26th, and they will be providing a baked potato bar. We hope to see you there!

**USHERING:** If any youth students would be willing to assist during church services on Sunday mornings, please call 402-329-4313 to let the church office know. We are currently looking for both ushers and technology booth assistance, and training will be provided for anyone willing to serve in either capacity.

**TECH HELP:** If you have a general interest in sound, video, or computers, and would like to use those talents to help on Sunday morning, please call the church office (402-329-4313) to inquire. We are currently looking for a few new people who would like to assist in the technology booth running the sound board, managing the video camera, and/or running the slides. Training can be provided.

**FAITH WEAVERS:** Faith Weavers will continue to take place during the Lenten season at our regular time, unless otherwise announced, but we do ask that the congregation and parents use caution during student drop off and pick up with the weekly Lenten services in mind. Also, as we continue through the month of March, please remember to check our website, Facebook page, and News Channel Nebraska for program and weather-related updates and cancellations. While we do not hope for any more unplanned cancellations for the remainder of this year, it is always better to be prepared. Again, if the public school cancels due to weather, or other factors, on a particular Wednesday, Faith Weavers will be likewise canceled for that evening. Parents can find more information and register on our church website under “Educational Ministries” and “Faith Weavers.”

**Please put non-perishable donations in the marked bin in the kitchen with a note (from who, for who) and alert church staff about your donation. Cold items should be put in the refrigerator, and frozen items should be placed in the freezer. For more information, contact Mr. Jareske.**

**For March:**

1. Large packages of chicken nuggets
2. Large packages of frozen french fries
3. Boxes of Kraft macaroni and cheese
4. Regular cans of fruit cocktail
5. Regular cans of mandarin oranges
6. Regular bottles of mustard
7. Regular cans of corn

**FAITH WEAVERS HELP:** If you feel called to help with Faith Weavers in 2025, weekly, please contact Kim Baumann, Suzie Wachter, or Mr. J (402-329-4313). Although there are only two months left for this academic year, you could always jump in now, so you have some training for next year. At this time, we are specifically looking for, at least, one new volunteer to assist by cooking, several volunteers to help by serving the meal without cooking, and several volunteers to assist with the Crafts Station. For details, please contact Mr. J to inquire.

**UPDATES:** If you would like to be receiving updates and notifications from the church, please call the church office to let us know what kinds of notifications you would like to be receiving, and which means of communication work best for you. For instance, Mr. J sends out weekly reminders about our various youth endeavors through both email and text message, so if any youth parents have not been receiving those notifications, and would like to, please let us know.

**Zion Lutheran Preschool: We still have openings for Preschool Enrollment 2025-2026:** We currently have openings in our **Prek-3 and Prek-4 and 5**. Our Prek4 preschool classes are FULL. You can find more information and the enrollment sheet on our school website at <http://www.zionlutheranpierce.com/school.html>. **All** paperwork will need to be completed and submitted in order to enroll your child in preschool for the next school year. If you have any questions, please contact the school office at (402) 329-4658.

**Kindergarten Roundup:** It's time for Kindergarten Round Up at Zion! Students that will be of Kindergarten age for the 2025-2026 school year are invited to attend an Open House event in the Kindergarten classroom on Tuesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Your child must be 5 years of age on or before July 31st. We look forward to seeing you! Please call the church office if you have questions!