

# **Zion Lutheran Church**



## ***Third Sunday in Lent***

***5:30 p.m. March 7, 2026***

***9:00 a.m. March 8, 2026***

*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

**Welcome to worship at Zion Lutheran Church. May this time honor God and inspire you.**

**Worship details:** In this bulletin, **bold print** indicates the congregation's responses. **Assisted listening devices**, which are cleaned, disinfected, and have earpads replaced after each service are available in the narthex; ask an usher. **Hospitality details:** A **family restroom** is located in the hallway next to the sanctuary. **If you are visiting today**, please feel free to sign the Guest Registry located in the narthex. We ask that ALL members, regular visitors, and guests **sign the pew pad sheet**, so that we can better get to know each other.

### PRELUDE

"Jesus, Lead Thou On" by Paul Manz

"Fugue in D Major" by G. F. Handel

### RINGING OF BELL

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The assembly may stand*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P O God, the Father in heaven,

C **Have mercy on us.**

P O God, the Son, Redeemer of the world,

C **Have mercy on us.**

P O God, the Holy Spirit,

C **Have mercy upon us.**

P O Christ, merciful Savior, hear us in this hour:

C **O Christ, visit us with your compassion.**

P For our sins by which we have grieved you; for the ways in which we forget your steadfast love; for our indifference to the gospel and the witness of your church; for our apathy toward your call to faith; for our failure to see the spiritual needs of those around us:

C **We beg your forgiveness, O Lord.**

P O Christ, forgive us.

C **O Christ, deliver us.**

P That our nation may remember you as the God of mercy and truth; that the fulfillment of your will may be our desire; that we may be healed from the motives of greed and revenge; that we may discover through you a deeper experience of prayer; that we may offer unselfish devotion to the well-being of our nation; that you would and guide

our president and all in authority; that you would defend and preserve our soldiers, sailors, and air force; and that all our people may seek courage and a spirit of endurance:

**C We ask this, O Lord**

P To comfort those under the constant strain of apprehension; to remember those in captivity; to bind up the wounded, sheltering them under your care; to stretch out your arm to all who are lonely, tempted, or discouraged; to have mercy upon all who trust in you:

**C We ask this, O Lord.**

P To hasten the day of peace; to cast away the threads of hate; to forgive our enemies; to scatter any who delight in war; and to renew steadfast faith within us:

**C Hear us, good Lord, and receive our prayer.**

P O Christ, spare us.

**C O Christ, heal us.**

**GATHERING HYMN:**

“As the Deer Runs to the River”

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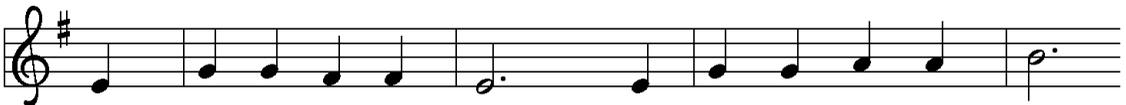
**GREETING**

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.**

*The assembly may stand*

**KYRIE**



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.  
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.  
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.**

*The assembly is seated*

**Exodus 17:1-7** *Because the thirsty Israelites quarreled with Moses and put God to the test, Moses cried out in desperation to God. God commanded Moses to strike the rock to provide water for the people. The doubt-filled question—“Is the Lord among us or not?”—received a very positive answer.*

<sup>1</sup> 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. <sup>2</sup> 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?” <sup>3</sup> 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?” <sup>4</sup> So Moses cried out to the Lord, “What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” <sup>5</sup> 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. <sup>6</sup> 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. <sup>7</sup> He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?”

R Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 95 (read responsively)**

<sup>1</sup> Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

<sup>2</sup> **Let us come before God’s presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to the Lord with psalms.**

<sup>3</sup> For you, Lord, are a great God, and a great ruler above all gods.

<sup>4</sup> **In your hand are the caverns of the earth; the heights of the hills are also yours.**

<sup>5</sup> The sea is yours, for you made it, and your hands have molded the dry land.

<sup>6</sup> **Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our maker.**

<sup>7</sup> 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!

<sup>8</sup> **“Harden not your hearts, as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert.**

<sup>9</sup> There your ancestors tested me, they put me to the test, though they had seen my works.

<sup>10</sup> **Forty years I loathed that generation, saying, ‘The heart of this people goes astray; they do not know my ways.’**

<sup>11</sup> Indeed I swore in my anger, ‘They shall never come to my rest.’”

**Romans 5:1-11** *Though we often hear that God helps those who help themselves, here Paul tells us that through Jesus’ death God helps utterly helpless sinners. Since we who had been enemies are reconciled to God in the cross, we now live in hope for our final salvation.*

<sup>1</sup> Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, <sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup> 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.

<sup>6</sup> For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup> But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup> Much more surely, therefore, since we have now been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup> But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

R Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly may stand*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

**John 4:5-42** *Jesus defies convention to engage a Samaritan woman in conversation. Her testimony, in turn, leads many others to faith.*

P The holy gospel according to John.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>5</sup> [Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph.<sup>6</sup> Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

<sup>7</sup> A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink."<sup>8</sup> (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.)<sup>9</sup> 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.)<sup>10</sup> 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."<sup>11</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?"<sup>12</sup> Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?"<sup>13</sup> Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again,<sup>14</sup> 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."<sup>15</sup> 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." ...

...<sup>39</sup> Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done."<sup>40</sup> So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days.<sup>41</sup> And many more believed because of his word.<sup>42</sup> 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**

*The assembly is seated*

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**SERMON:**

Pastor Barbara Hayden

*The assembly may stand*

**HYMN OF THE DAY:**

"O Day of Peace"

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## **APOSTLE'S 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

Each petition ends with: Hear us, O God. Please respond with: **Your mercy is great.**

**P** Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.

**C** Amen.

### PEACE

**P** The peace of Christ be with you always. **C** And also with you.

*We share Christ's peace with one another.*

*The assembly is seated.*

**NOISY OFFERING** Gifts received in the Noisy Offering will be split between  
ELCA World Hunger and local food pantries  
(*Offering plates are available at the sanctuary entrance.*)

*The assembly may stand.*

### OFFERING RESPONSE

“Restore in Us, O God”

ELW (red book) # 328



1 Re - store in us, O God, the splen-dor of your love; re -  
2 O Spir - it, wake in us the won - der of your pow'r; from  
3 Bring us, O Christ, to share the full - ness of your joy; bap -  
4 Three-per - soned God, ful - fill the prom - ise of your grace, that



new your im - age in our hearts, and all our sins re - move.  
fruit-less fear un - furl our lives like spring-time bud and flow'r.  
tize us in the ris - en life that death can - not de - stroy.  
we, when all our search-ing ends, may see you face to face.

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## OFFERING PRAYER

A O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name.

C Amen.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C 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... .. we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

## LORD'S PRAYER

**C** Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

**P** Come to the table. Feast on God's goodness and mercy.

*The assembly is seated. All who seek Christ's presence in the sacrament are welcome to partake of this meal. All are welcome to come forward as the ushers direct you. However, you are also welcome to remain in your pew and the Lord's Supper will be brought to you; simply let the usher know your desire when they come to your pew.*

*Wine, grape juice and gluten-free options are available. The grape juice is the light colored liquid in the center ring of the trays. Place your empty glass in the receptacle available as you head back to your seat via the side aisle.*



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

*Communion hymn:*

*"What Feast of Love"*

**ELW (red book) # 487**

*"I Received the Living God"*

**ELW (red book) # 477**

*The assembly may stand*

**P** Our Lord and savior Jesus Christ, whose body and blood you have now received, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C** Amen.

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**A** Let us pray. **God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## BLESSING

**P** Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity: God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation, ✠ bless you now and always.

**C** **Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN:

"Give Me Jesus"

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## DISMISSAL

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

**C** **Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE

"St. Anthony Chorale" by Johannes Brahms

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## WORSHIP LEADERS

**5:30 pm**

**9:00 am**

**Presiding Minister:**

Pastor Barbara Hayden

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**Organist:**

Christine Holmer

Christine Holmer

**Worship Assistant:**

Diane Honeywell

Deb Vath

**Communion Servers:**

Steve & Jane Teney

Richard & Cynthia Pederson

**Greeters:**

Linda Shaff

Sam & Andrea Krause & Boys

**CENTERING PRAYER OFFERED DURING LENT:** Pastor Barbara invites you to join her for centering prayer on Tuesdays during Lent. This time of silent prayer will be offered at 12 noon in the chapel area off the dining room.

**LENTEN OFFERINGS– KIDS AGAINST HUNGER:** Social Ministry will be distributing bags for collecting Lenten offerings. All offerings will be used to fund Zion’s next “Kids Against Hunger” Event. Faith FUNdations, Confirmation and members of Zion will take a stand against hunger and package meals that are sent to starving and malnourished children around the world and to the local pantries. For only 25¢, the ingredients to provide 1 meal can be purchased. Won’t you help feed a starving child? Fill your food bag and return it on Easter Sunday and help us fund our next “Kids Against Hunger” event.

**NAME TAGS:** The Evangelism Committee requests that everyone wear their Zion name tags when attending services so we get to know everyone’s name. Everyone was told to wear their tags when we had a new pastor, but let’s just get to know everyone’s name. You receive one free when you join Zion and may purchase one from the office if you lose yours.

**PRAYER LIST:**

- Skip Carstensen
- Peyton Deuermeyer
- Pam Hammond
- Joyce McCabe
- Tom & Judy McLaughlin
- Joyce Miller
- Kay Weispenning

**HAPPENING AT ZION THIS WEEK:**

Monday, March 9th: 10:45 am– Sack Lunch Monday  
5:30 pm– Girl Scouts

Tuesday, March 10th: 12:00 pm– Centering Prayer  
5:30 pm– Boy Scouts  
6:00 pm– Congregation Council

Wednesday, March 11th: 11:00 am - Lenten Mid-week Service  
1:30 pm– Rebecca Circle  
5:15 pm– Faith FUNdations  
7:00 pm– Lenten Mid-week Service

Saturday, March 7th: 5:30 pm– Worship

Sunday, March 8th: 9:00 am– Worship

**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**

Saturday, February 28th 5:30 attendance	41
Sunday, March 1st 9:00 attendance	<u>92</u>
Total Weekend In-Person Attendance	133

# As the Deer Runs to the River



1 As the deer runs to the riv - er, parched and wea - ry from the chase,  
2 When your Is - rael crossed the des - ert where no stream or spring was seen,  
3 "Come and drink," I - sa - iah sum-moned, "all who for God's mer - cy plead!  
4 Christ, we come from des - ert plac - es, deep - est thirst un - sat - is - fied.



we have come from hurt and hur - ry, thirst - ing for your heal - ing grace.  
Mo - ses struck the rock, and wa - ter flowed for them, re - fresh - ing, clean.  
God's for - give - ness, like a foun-tain, flows to sat - is - fy your need."  
Lead us to the wa - ters flow - ing from the cross on which you died.

## *Refrain*



Je - sus, source of liv - ing wa - ter, may we drink of you and live!

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# O Day of Peace



1 O day of peace that dim-ly shines through all our hopes and prayers and dreams,  
2 Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the fierce devour the small;



guide us to jus-tice, truth, and love, de-liv-ered from our self-ish schemes.  
as beasts and cat-tle calm-ly graze, a lit-tle child shall lead them all.



May swords of hate fall from our hands, our hearts from en-vy find re-lease,  
Then en-e-mies shall learn to love, all crea-tures find their true ac-cord;



till by God's grace our war-ring world shall see Christ's prom-ised reign of peace.  
the hope of peace shall be ful-filled, for all the earth shall know the Lord.

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# Give Me Jesus



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



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