

REMEMBER THE  
SABBATH DAY,  
AND KEEP IT  
HOLY.

EXODUS 20:8, NRSV



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**Third Sunday in Lent**

**March 3, 2024**

*The third covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the central one of Israel's history: the gift of the law to those God freed from slavery. The commandments begin with the statement that because God alone has freed us from the powers that oppressed us, we are to let nothing else claim first place in our lives. When Jesus throws the merchants out of the temple, he is defending the worship of God alone and rejecting the ways commerce and profit-making can become our gods. The Ten Commandments are essential to our baptismal call: centered first in God's liberating love, we strive to live out justice and mercy in our communities and the world.*

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## **GATHERING**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God*

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### **PRELUDE**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,  
who writes the law on our hearts,  
who draws all people together through Jesus.

**Amen.**

Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin  
in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy God,

**we confess that we are caught in snares of sin  
and cannot break free.**

**We hoard resources while our neighbors  
are hungry and cold.**

**We speak in ways that silence others.**

**We are silent when we should speak up.**

**We keep score in our hearts.**

**We let hurts grow into hatred.**

**For all these things and for sins only you know,  
forgive us, Lord.**

**Amen.**

Here is a flood of grace:  
Out of love for the whole world,  
God draws near to us,  
breaks every snare of sin,  
washes away our wrongs,  
and restores the promise of life through † Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

## **HYMN**

***Built on a Rock* RED ELW #652**

- 1 Built on a rock the church shall stand,  
even when steeples are falling;  
crumbled have spires in ev'ry land,  
bells still are chiming and calling—  
calling the young and old to rest,  
calling the souls of those distressed,  
longing for life everlasting.
- 2 Surely, in temples made with hands  
God the Most High is not dwelling—  
high in the heav'ns his temple stands,  
all earthly temples excelling.  
Yet God who dwells in heav'n above  
deigns to abide with us in love,  
making our bodies his temple.
- 3 Christ builds a house of living stones:  
we are his own habitation;  
he fills our hearts, his humble thrones,  
granting us life and salvation.  
Where two or three will seek his face,  
he in their midst will show his grace,  
blessings upon them bestowing.

- 4 Yet in this house, an earthly frame,  
Jesus the children is blessing;  
hither we come to praise his name,  
faith in our Savior confessing.  
Jesus to us his Spirit sent,  
making with us his covenant,  
granting his children the kingdom.
- 5 Through all the passing years, O Lord,  
grant that, when church bells are ringing,  
many may come to hear your Word,  
who here this promise is bringing:  
"I know my own, my own know me;  
you, not the world, my face shall see;  
my peace I leave with you. Amen."

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## **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—Have mercy on us, Lord**

**RED ELW page 203**

**Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer.  
We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair.**

**Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin.**

**Have mercy on us, Lord, make sin and shame depart.  
Renew us with your saving pow'r; create in us new hearts!**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

**Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

## SPECIAL MUSIC

*Lord, Speak to Me*  
Arr. Englert

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## WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.*

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### FIRST READING: Exodus 20:1-17

*After escaping from slavery, the Israelites come to Mount Sinai, where God teaches them how to live in community. The Ten Commandments proclaim that God alone is worthy of worship. Flowing from God, the life of the community flourishes when based on honesty, trust, fidelity, and respect for life, family, and property.*

<sup>1</sup>God spoke all these words:

<sup>2</sup>I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; <sup>3</sup>you shall have no other gods before me.

<sup>4</sup>You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup>You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, <sup>6</sup>but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

<sup>7</sup>You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

<sup>8</sup>Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. <sup>9</sup>Six days you shall labor and do all

your work. <sup>10</sup>But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. <sup>11</sup>For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

<sup>12</sup>Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

<sup>13</sup>You shall not murder.

<sup>14</sup>You shall not commit adultery.

<sup>15</sup>You shall not steal.

<sup>16</sup>You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

<sup>17</sup>You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **PSALM: Psalm 19**

<sup>1</sup>The heavens declare the glory of God,  
and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.

<sup>2</sup>**One day tells its tale to another,  
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

<sup>3</sup>Although they have no words or language,  
and their voices are not heard,

<sup>4</sup>**their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world,  
where God has pitched a tent for the sun.**

<sup>5</sup>It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

<sup>6</sup>**It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again;  
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**

<sup>7</sup>The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;  
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

<sup>8</sup>**The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart;  
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

<sup>9</sup>The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever;  
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

<sup>10</sup>**More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,  
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

<sup>11</sup>By them also is your servant enlightened,  
and in keeping them there is great reward.

<sup>12</sup>**Who can detect one's own offenses?  
Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

<sup>13</sup>Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get domin-  
ion over me;  
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

<sup>14</sup>**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your  
sight,  
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

**PLEASE RISE FOR THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION—Open Our Eyes, Lord**

**BC #176**

**Open our eyes Lord  
We want to see Jesus  
To reach out and touch Him  
And say that we love Him  
Open our ears Lord  
Help us to listen  
Open our eyes Lord  
We want to see Jesus**

**GOSPEL: John 2:13-22**

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus attacks the commercialization of religion by driving merchants out of the temple. When challenged, he responds mysteriously, with the first prediction of his own death and resurrection. In the midst of a seemingly stable religious center, Jesus suggests that the center itself has changed.*

<sup>13</sup>The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. <sup>15</sup>Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and over-

turned their tables. <sup>16</sup>He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" <sup>17</sup>His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." <sup>18</sup>The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" <sup>19</sup>Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." <sup>20</sup>The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" <sup>21</sup>But he was speaking of the temple of his body. <sup>22</sup>After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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

## **SERMON ON THE STEPS**

### **SERMON**

#### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Canticle of the Turning* RED ELW #723

1 My soul cries out with a joyful shout  
that the God of my heart is great,  
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things  
that you bring to the ones who wait.  
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,  
and my weakness you did not spurn,  
so from east to west shall my name be blest.  
Could the world be about to turn?

#### *Refrain*

My heart shall sing of the day you bring.  
Let the fires of your justice burn.  
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,  
and the world is about to turn.



- 2 Though I am small, my God, my all,  
you work great things in me,  
and your mercy will last from the depths of the past  
to the end of the age to be.  
Your very name puts the proud to shame,  
and to those who would for you yearn,  
you will show your might, put the strong to flight,  
for the world is about to turn. *Refrain*
- 3 From the halls of pow'r to the fortress tow'r,  
not a stone will be left on stone.  
Let the king beware for your justice tears  
ev'ry tyrant from his throne.  
The hungry poor shall weep no more,  
for the food they can never earn;  
there are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed,  
for the world is about to turn. *Refrain*
- 4 Though the nations rage from age to age,  
we remember who holds us fast:  
God's mercy must deliver us  
from the conqueror's crushing grasp.  
This saving word that our forebears heard  
is the promise which holds us bound,  
till the spear and rod can be crushed by God,  
who is turning the world around. *Refrain*

Text: Rory Cooney, b. 1952, based on the Magnificat

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## **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 INTERCESSION**

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

## **THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

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## **MEAL**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

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## **OFFERING**

**OFFERING HYMN**

We lift our voices, We lift our hands,  
We lift our lives up to You:  
We are an offering.  
Lord use our voices, Lord use our hands,  
Lord use our lives they are Yours:  
We are an offering.  
All that we have, All that we are,  
All that we hope to be,  
We give to You, We give to You  
We lift our voices, We lift our hands  
We lift our lives up to You:  
We are an offering  
We are an offering

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray.

Jesus, you are the bread of life  
**and the host of this meal.**  
**Bless these gifts that we have gathered**  
**that all people may know your goodness.**  
**Feed us not only with this holy food**  
**but with hunger for justice and peace.**  
**We pray this in your name.**  
**Amen.**

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**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 our thanks and praise.**

## **PREFACE**

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:

## **HOLY HOLY HOLY**

**RED ELW page 144**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of pow'r and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

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

Great is the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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**

Bread for the journey.  
A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

## **COMMUNION**

*(Zion practices an open table. God welcomes everyone to come forward. Young children may receive bread and a blessing. If you prefer not to receive, fold your hands and receive a blessing. Grape juice and gluten free wafers are available; please ask your servers. Come to the Lord's table and share in the feast!)*

## **LAMB OF GOD**

**RED ELW page 146**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
grant us peace.**

## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

## COMMUNION BLESSING

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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.**

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## SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

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### BLESSING

Beloved,

we are God's own people,

holy, washed, renewed.

God bless you and keep you,

shower you with mercy,

fill you with courage,

and ✝ give you peace.

**Amen.**

### CLOSING HYMN

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* RED ELW #803

- 1 When I survey the wondrous cross  
on which the prince of glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss  
and pour contempt on all my pride.
- 2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast  
save in the death of Christ, my God;  
all the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to his blood.

- 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet,  
sorrow and love flow mingled down.  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
or thorns compose so rich a crown?
- 4 Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were a present far too small;  
love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share your bread.

**Thanks be to God.**



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Unscheduled—Interruptible Hours for the week of March 3

Thursday, 3/7—9:30a-12:00p

Or by appointment

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## Weekly Announcements



**Please keep these family, friends and members in your prayers:** Christy Hebeisen, Lowell Tritabaugh, Jenna Dobner, Dilshad & Sonya Perani, Gary Revier, Cindy Hebeisen, Mark Zeiher and Deb Otto

Welcome Guests!

Please sign the visitor book in the entrance to the sanctuary.

We are glad you are here!

**Meet Pastor Gretchen**—Sign up for time to meet with Pastor Gretchen on the bulletin board or set up a time that works on your schedule. I am eager to get to know all of you!

**Church Council** will be meeting on Thursday, March 7 at 5:30pm.

**Reminder**—The Tuesday Circle will be meeting on Tuesday, March 12 at 10:00am.

**Clean Up Sunday and Potluck—March 10, 2024.** Come to church in your cleaning work clothes. Now with the construction complete, an indoor church cleaning day has been set following service. Also, bring a favorite dish for potluck lunch after the hard work is done. For those not able to help with the work, please bring a dish for potluck and join in fellowship. We will plan to eat at noon.

**A Blessing and Dedication of the Kitchenette** will be on Sunday, March 17. The new kitchenette was possible thanks to the generous memorial gift given by the Tews family in memory of Bea.

Coffee time following the service will include some of Bea's favorite desserts. Please join us!

**Bible Study**—Reaching out for Interest in a Bible Study...

Are you interested in joining an evening bible study group? Are you willing to lead a bible study group? How often would you like to meet? Which kind of topics would you be interested in? If you are interested in leading or being part of an evening bible study, please reach out to any Board of Education member Sheri Kumar, Cindy Vasquez or Tina Schauer.

## Spring Ahead

Zion Lutheran Church services can be viewed on:

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Zion Lutheran Church

YouTube at  
[www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)

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[www.zionarlington.org](http://www.zionarlington.org)

## Worship Assistants

### **March 3**

Ushers: Gordon & Barb Bergs  
Nancy Biermann, Mary Lietz  
Greeters: Tim & Stacy Haggenmiller  
Acolyte: Jack Ruehling  
Reader: Peg Kamps  
Organist: Bobette Schauer  
AV Team: Joe Prasad & Elton Hazelwood  
Altar Guild: Jackie Alsleben &  
Stacy Haggenmiller  
Bread Maker: Jackie Alsleben  
Paraments: Stacy Haggenmiller

### **March 10**

Ushers: Allen & Pam Wendlandt  
Dale & Laurie Stern  
Greeters: Jon & Jacque Hazelwood  
Acolyte: Cooper Heeren  
Reader: Mausten Krueger  
Organist: Bobette Schauer  
AV Team: Matt & Jan Giesen  
Altar Guild: Jane Scharpe &  
Starla Schilling  
Bread Maker: Jackie Alsleben  
Paraments: Stacy Haggenmiller

### **March 6—Wednesday**

Ushers: Larry & Pam Schiroo  
Greeters: Scott Bergs  
Acolyte: Jeremiah Vazquez  
Reader: Janet Rowe  
Organist: Brenda Danielson  
AV Team: Tim Michaelis  
Paraments: Stacy Haggenmiller

# Zion Lutheran Church ELCA



## This Week at Zion:

Sunday, March 3	9:00a 10:00a 10:00a 1-3:00p	Worship w/Holy Communion—Live-stream, in-person Sunday School Choir Rehearsal Maranatha Church
Monday, March 4		Pastor Gretchen in Chicago at ELCA Systems Academy
Tuesday, March 5		Pastor Gretchen in Chicago at ELCA Systems Academy
Wednesday, March 6	1:30p 4-6:15p 5:30p 6:30p	Wednesday Bible Study Confirmation Class Lenten Supper Lenten Worship—Pr. Joy/United Methodist, Arlington Pastor Gretchen in Chicago at ELCA Systems Academy
Thursday, March 7	10:00a 5:30p 6-8p	Adult Bible Study Church Council Maranatha Church
Saturday, March 9	8:00a	Men's Prayer Breakfast
Sunday, March 10	9:00a 10:00a 10:00a 10:00a 12:00p 1-3:00p	Worship w/Holy Communion—Live-stream, in-person Sunday School Choir Rehearsal Indoor Cleaning Potluck Maranatha Church