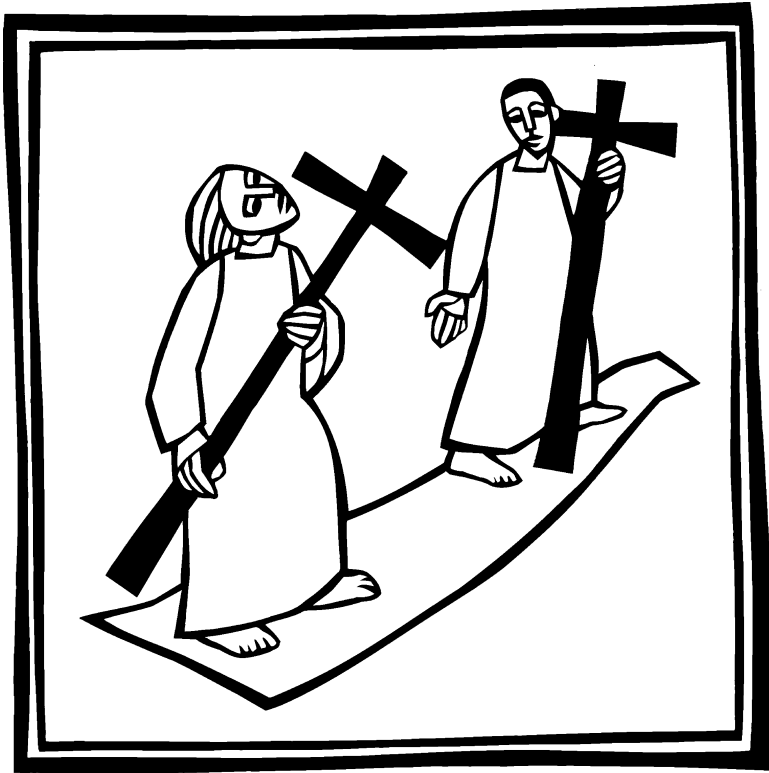


# Zion Lutheran

**Mission: Creating Community Through  
God's Love and Guidance**



**Second Sunday in Lent**  
February 25, 2024

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN #796**

“How Firm a Foundation”

**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.

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.**

## **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.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**  
**Amen.**

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN SING**

“Father Abraham”

## **FIRST READING**

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

A reading from Genesis.

<sup>1</sup>When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. <sup>2</sup>And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.” <sup>3</sup>Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, <sup>4</sup>“As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. <sup>5</sup>No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. <sup>6</sup>I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. <sup>7</sup>I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.”

<sup>15</sup>God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. <sup>16</sup>I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”  
Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 22: My God, My God

Refrain



My God, my God, O why have you a - ban-doned me?

Verses

1. All who see me laugh at me, they mock me and they shake their heads:  
“He relied on the Lord, let the Lord be his refuge.”
2. As dogs around me, they circle me about.  
Wounded me and pierced me, I can number all my bones.
3. My clothing they divided, for my garments casting lots,  
O Lord, do not desert me, but hasten to my aid.
4. I will praise you to my people, and proclaim you in their midst,  
O fear the Lord, my people, give glory to God’s name.

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**SECOND READING**

Romans 4:13-25

A reading from Romans.

<sup>13</sup>The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup>If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. <sup>16</sup>For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup>as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”)—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. <sup>18</sup>Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.”

<sup>19</sup>He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. <sup>20</sup>No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, <sup>21</sup>being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. <sup>22</sup>Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” <sup>23</sup>Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, <sup>24</sup>but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, <sup>25</sup>who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification. Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

Save us as you prom-ised; we will trust your word.

Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

### GOSPEL READING

Mark 8:31-38

The holy gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup>[Jesus] began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.

<sup>32</sup>He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

<sup>34</sup>He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup>Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup>Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

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

**SERMON**

Pastor Ralph Hankermeyer

**HYMN OF THE DAY#667** “Take Up Your Cross, The Savior Said”

**BAPTISM**

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**BAPTISMAL HYMN**

“Welcome the Child”

Verses 1 & 4



1. Wel - come the child who comes to be blessed,  
2. Joy - bring - er God, new life is our joy!  
3. Bless them by wa - ter, Spir - it and sign,  
4. Give them a Church with fam - i - ly claim,

5



wel - come the faith that makes the re - quest,  
Gift them with hope no hurt can de - stroy,  
bring them to share the bread and the wine,  
close - ness to Christ, not on - ly in name,

9



ech - o the words that Je - sus would say:  
keep them clear - eyed to won - der and trust,  
draw them, like frond of fern leaf un - curled,  
make them a source of light and de - light,

13



"Bring them and nev - er turn them a - way!"  
find - ing a peo - ple gen - tle and just.  
o - pen to love and life in your world.  
bap - ti - sm's grace with bap - ti - sm's rite.

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MUSIC: Joy F. Patterson

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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.**

### **PEACE**

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

### **OFFERING**

#### **TOWER RINGERZ**

“There is a Balm in Gilead”  
arr. Sharon Elery Rogers

#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

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.**

#### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

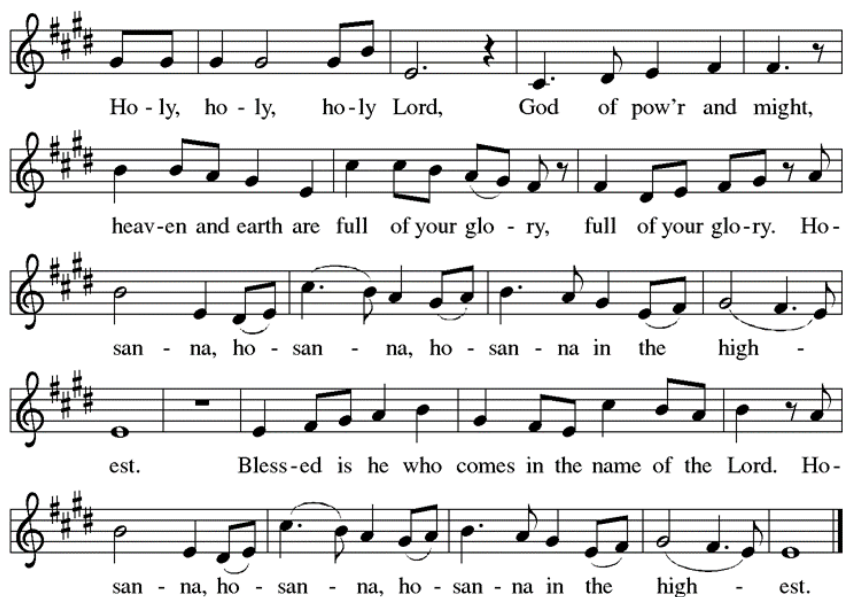
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### **PREFACE**



# HOLY HOLY HOLY

Setting 8



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -  
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

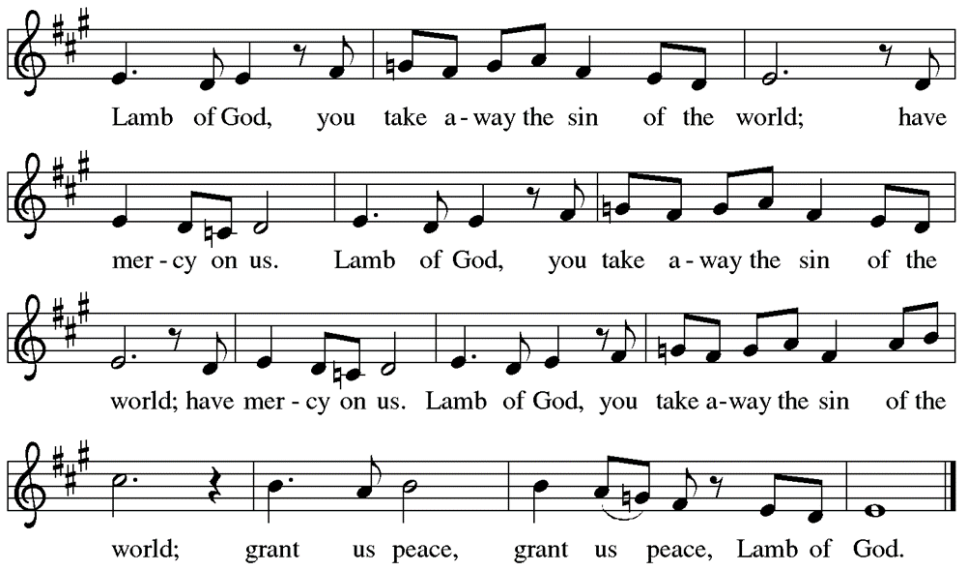
## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

## LAMB OF GOD

Setting 8



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

## COMMUNION

### COMMUNION HYMN#334

“Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery”  
3 verses and Lent 2

## TABLE BLESSING

Now may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.  
God bless you and keep you,  
shower you with mercy,  
fill you with courage,  
and give you peace.

**Amen.**

## **SENDING HYMN #802**

“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share your bread.

**Creating Community through God's Love and Guidance —  
thanks be to God!**

## **POSTLUDE**

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## **Welcome!**

We invite visitors to complete the card in the pew and put it in  
the collection basket. Thank You!

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FAMILY OF Alayah Mae Schiller**

who is being baptized today. Her parents are Zackary Schiller and Brianna Engel. Alayah’s sponsors are Abbey Bernard and Taydan Gregurich.

Lent services will be Feb. 28, March 6, March 13 & March 20. The Lent Soup Suppers will be at 5:00pm in the fellowship hall. Please sign up to volunteer to setup, clean up or bring a dessert for one of the Lent soup suppers in the narthex. The service will be at 6:00pm.

**Help for the Homeless Hygiene drive is Feb. 11 – Mar. 3.**The hygiene drive partners with the community to help stock the shelves of 100+ homeless and crisis programs in 19 Wisconsin communities. The goal of the program is to supply a year’s worth of products to each agency. Donations remain in the community they come from. Purchase new, unused hygiene and cleaning supplies and drop them off in the box at the back of the sanctuary. Here are the most urgent needs: Soaps: laundry, dish, soft, shower gel, 2-in-1 shampoo, Trash bags (shelters especially need these for bedrooms), Diapers (sizes 3-6 and Pull-Ups), Deodorant (unscented), Wet wipes, Toilet paper, Paper towels, Disposable razors, Tampons and maxi pads.

Linwood Community is holding their last event for February on February 29<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm. Funeral Preplanning is the subject.

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<p><b>Sunday, February 25</b></p> <p>Gen 17:1-7, 15-16, Ps 22:23-31 Rom 4:13-25, Mark 8:31-38</p> <p>Choir Rehearsal 8-8:45 am <b>Worship Service 9:00 am</b> Followed by Coffee Hour Sunday School</p>	<p><b>Second Week of Lent</b></p> <p>Pastor Ralph Hankermeyer Assisting Minister: Gwen Schwandt Acolyte: Ava Dorn Musician: William Surtees Opens: Greg Pettigrew Closes: Gwen Schwandt</p>
<p><b>Wednesday, February 28</b></p> <p><b>Lenten Supper 5:00 pm</b> <b>Worship Service 6:00 pm</b></p>	<p><b>Lenten Service</b></p> <p>Musician: Pam Keane Opens and Closes: Gwen Schwandt Tower RingerZ Rehearsal 4:15pm</p>

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**Monday, March 18, 2024**      **Submissions due for March's calendar**

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<p><b>Sunday, March 3</b></p> <p>Exod 20:1-17, Ps 19, 1 Cor 1:18-25, John 2:13-22</p> <p>Choir Rehearsal 8-8:45 am <b>Worship Service 9:00 am</b> followed by <b>Coffee Hour</b> Sunday School &amp; Confirmation</p>	<p><b>3rd Sunday of Lent</b></p> <p>Pastor Karen Jewel Assisting Minister: Tom Meltz Acolyte: Lily Gruselle Musician: William Surtees Opens: Gene Wiese Closes: Gwen Schwandt</p>
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