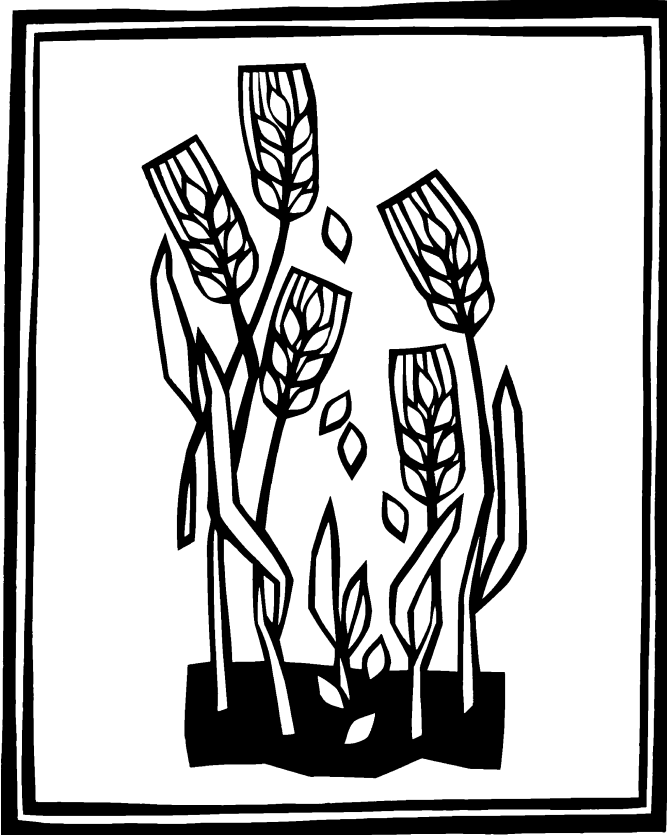


Zion Lutheran

Mission: Creating Community Through
God's Love and Guidance



Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 17, 2024

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #524

“What Is This Place”

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, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

A reading from Jeremiah.

³¹The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 51: 1-12

“Be Merciful, O Lord”

Psalm 51: Be Merciful, O Lord

Refrain

Be mer-ci-ful, O Lord, for we have sinned; be
mer-ci-ful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Verses

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness,
in your compassion, blot out my offense.
O wash me more and more from my guilt and my sorrow,
and cleanse me from all of my sin.
2. My offenses, truly I know them, and my sins are always before me;
against you alone have I sinned, O Lord, what is evil in your sight I have done.
3. Create in me a clean heart, O God, put your steadfast spirit in my soul.
Cast me not away from your presence, O Lord, and take not your spirit from me.
4. Give back to me the joy of your salvation, let your willing spirit bear me up
and I shall teach your way to the ones who have wandered,
and bring them all home to your side.

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SECOND READING

Hebrews 5:5-10

A reading from Hebrews.

⁵Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”;⁶as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.”⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission.⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered;⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him,¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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

John 12:20-33

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

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." ²²Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. ²⁷"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—"Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." ²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." ³⁰Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine.

³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” ³³He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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

SERMON

Pastor Kurt Hoffman

HYMN OF THE DAY#379

“Now the Green Blade Rises”

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

CHOIR ANTHEM

“Give Me a Clean Heart”

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.**

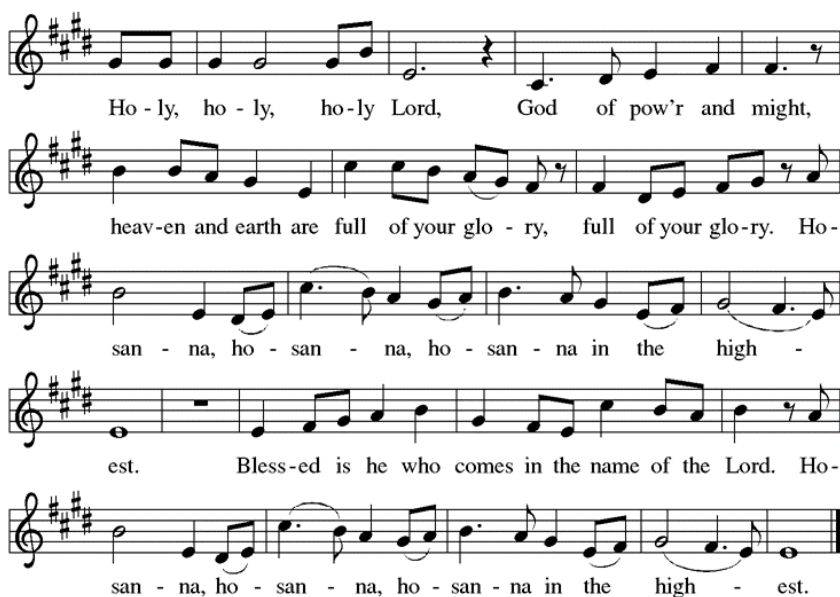
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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.

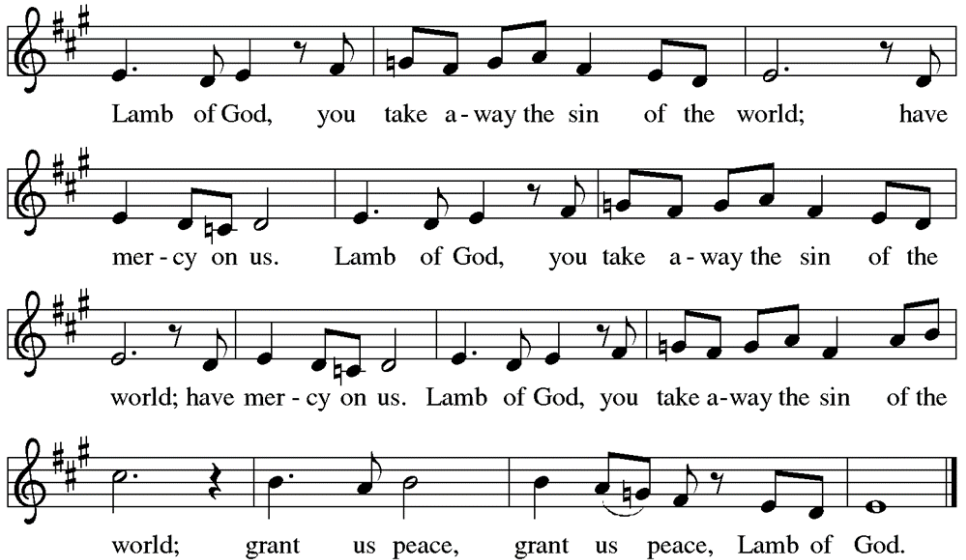
THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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 5

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

**"As the Winter Days Grow Longer"
See next page**

As the Winter Days Grow Longer



1 As the win - ter days grow long - er, draw - ing short the hours of night;
2 As the vines burst in - to blos - som, fra - grant in the morn - ing air,
3 As we jour - ney through this sea - son, pil - grims through a thirst - y land,



as our ea - ger ex - pec - ta - tion waits for Eas - ter's dawn - ing light —
lift - ing spir - its with their sweet - ness, lur - ing hearts to thank - ful prayer —
quench us with your liv - ing pres - ence; guide us with your lov - ing hand.



yearn - ing peo - ple, here we gath - er, turn - ing watch - ful eyes to you:
Lent - en peo - ple, here we gath - er, seek - ing lives re - fresh - ed from sin.
Wan - d'ring peo - ple, here we gath - er, called to rest a - long our way.



God who bless - es earth with spring - time, shine with - in our world a - new!
God who bless - es earth with spring - time, bloom with - in our hearts a - gain!
God who bless - es earth with spring - time, grant us sab - bath joy this day!

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

Music: SUO GÂN, Welsh melody

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share your bread.

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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!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The last Lent service will be March 20. The Lent Soup Supper will be at 5:00pm in the fellowship hall. The service will be at 6:00pm.

Next Sunday, March 24th we will be gathering after church for our second annual Palm Sunday Brunch. All are invited for this intergenerational family event. This event will be a potluck and so we ask that if you are able to please sign up to bring something to pass. Even if you aren't able to bring something, please let us know that you are coming by either signing up in the Narthex or by registering online at <http://tinyurl.com/ZionPalmSundayBrunch2024>. We hope to see you there!

We will be having a service on Maundy Thursday at 6:00pm. On Good Friday we will have an Ecumenical service at noon at Zion. Other churches will be joining us. There will also be a service at 6:00pm.

Today is the last day to order Easter Lilies and assorted spring plants for Easter. The order forms are at the back of the sanctuary & in the narthex. They are \$14 each.

If you receive the messenger by mail your envelope with the March messenger is in the back of the sanctuary in alphabetical order. There are extra copies of the March messenger in the back of the sanctuary.

Today is the last day to have your scholarship application and all other parts to the church office. You are eligible if you are a Senior in High School and an active member of Zion. The application is located on the Church Office window ledge. The awards are based on accomplishments, grade point, need, and an essay on the impact of Jesus Christ and the Christian faith in the life of the applicant. Call the church with questions at 920-739-3104.

You are Invited! Visit Lay School

Come visit the ECSW Lay School of Ministry courses in the months of March and April! You are welcome to join us in-person at Saint Andrew in Wausau, Christ the King in Combined Locks OR virtually March 15-16 and April 12-13. Check out one course or several courses each month for FREE.

Courses include: Old Testament, Intro to Theology, Faith and Spirituality, Liturgy and Life, Faith in Action, Experiencing the Bible with Fresh Ears AND Bible Stories Jesus Knew.

For more information about the courses go to ecswlayschool.org. To register or if you have any questions, please email layschool@ecsw.org the Wednesday before classes.

Sunday, March 17

Jer 31:31-34, Ps 51:1-12

Heb 5:5-10, John 12:20-33

Choir Rehearsal 8-8:45 am

Worship Service 9:00 am

Followed by

Coffee Hour

Sunday School & Confirmation

5th Sunday of Lent

Pastor Kurt Hoffman

Assisting Minister: Gwen Schwandt

Acolyte: Charlee Weiland

Musician: Heather Watney

Opens: Gene Wiese

Closes: Tammy Mossholder

Orders Due for Easter Flowers

Monday, March 18

Parish Council Meeting 6:30pm

Wednesday, March 20

Lenten Service

Leader: Deb Reis

Musician: Pam Keane

Opens and Closes: Gwen Schwandt

Tower RingerZ Rehearsal 4:15pm

Sunday, March 24

Palm Sunday

Pastor Karen Jewell

Assisting Minister: Grace Van Eyck

Acolyte: Ava Dorn

Musician: Jim Schley

Opens: Gwen Schwandt

Closes: Greg Pettigrew

Isa 504-9a, Ps 31:9-16

Phil 2:5-11, Mark 14:1-15:47

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