

# Zion Lutheran

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



**First Sunday in Lent**  
February 18, 2024

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN #326**     **“Bless Now, O God, the Journey”**

**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**

**Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

## **FIRST READING**

Genesis 9:8-17

A reading from Genesis.

<sup>8</sup>God said to Noah and to his sons with him, <sup>9</sup>“As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, <sup>10</sup>and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. <sup>11</sup>I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” <sup>12</sup>God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: <sup>13</sup>I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. <sup>14</sup>When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, <sup>15</sup>I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. <sup>16</sup>When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.”

<sup>17</sup>God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

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

## PSALM 25

“To You, O Lord”

Psalm 25: To You, O Lord

Refrain



To you, O Lord, I lift my soul, to you, I lift my soul.

### Verses

1. Lord, make me know your ways, teach me your paths  
and keep me in the way of your truth, for you are God, my Savior.
2. For the Lord is good and righteous, revealing the way to those who wander,  
gently leading the poor and the humble.
3. To the ones who seek the Lord, who look to God’s word, who live God’s love,  
God will always be near, and will show them mercy.

Text: Psalm 25:4-5, 8-9, 12-14; Marty Haugen, © 1982, GIA Publications, Inc.; refrain trans. © 1969, ICEL  
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## SECOND READING

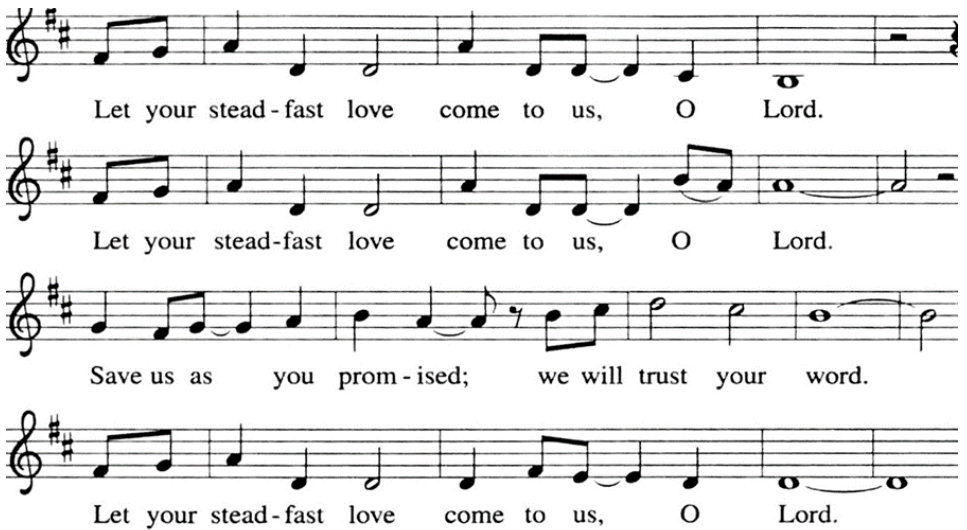
1 Peter 3:18-22

A reading from 1 Peter.

<sup>18</sup>Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup>And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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 1:9-15

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

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

<sup>12</sup>And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup>He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. <sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

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

## SERMON

Pastor Jan LaVake

HYMN OF THE DAY

“When We Are Tested”



1 When we are test - ed and wres - tle a - lone,  
 2 When in the des - ert we cry for re - lief,  
 3 When we are tempt - ed to bar - ter our souls,  
 4 When we have strug - gled and searched through the night,



fam - ished for bread when the world of - fers stone,  
 plead - ing for paths marked by cer - tain be - lief,  
 trad - ing the truth for the pow'r to con - trol,  
 sort - ing and sift - ing the wrong from the right,



nour - ish us, God, by your word and your way,  
 lift us to love you be - yond sign and test,  
 teach us to wor - ship and praise on - ly you,  
 Sav - ior, sur - round us with cir - cles of care,



food that sus - tains us by night and by day.  
 trust - ing your pres - ence, our on - ly true rest.  
 seek - ing your will in the work that we do.  
 an - gels of heal - ing, of hope, and of prayer.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

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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**

### **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

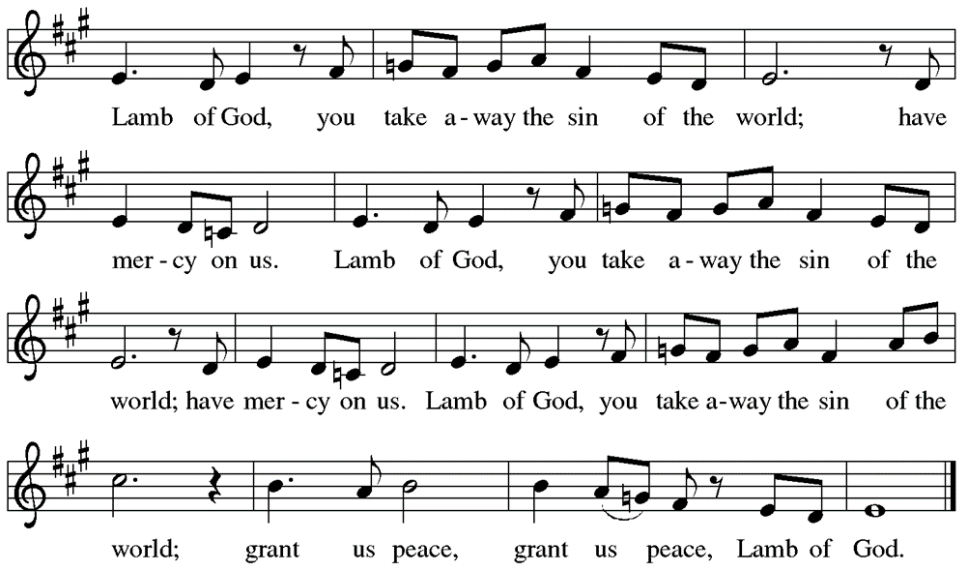
### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 1

### 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 #596**

“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less ”

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share your bread.

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

## **POSTLUDE**

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Emergencies contact the office.

## **Welcome!**

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is the last day to join the Confirmation class in the Sanctuary after worship (10:30-11:15 AM) for the Sanctuary Secrets. The topic for today is Meet in the Chapel.

Lent services will be held Feb, 21, Feb. 28, March 6, March 13 & March 20. The LENT SOUP SUPPERS will be at 5:00pm in the fellowship hall. If you are interested in volunteering to setup, clean up or bring a dessert for one of the Wednesday Lent soup suppers, please sign up in the narthex. The service will be at 6:00pm.

### **The 2024 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

Copies of the February messenger are in the back of the sanctuary.

The office staff is preparing the 2024 guidebook. Please fill out the form in the narthex if your contact information has changed so that our directory is accurate.

Moving forward any bulletin announcements and messenger information should be emailed to the office coordinator, Kimberly Gordon at [kimberly@zionappleton.org](mailto:kimberly@zionappleton.org).

Scholarship Information: Are you a Senior in High School and an active member of Zion? Get a Scholarship application from the Church Office window ledge beginning February 11, 2024. 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. Only Zion members are eligible. ALL PARTS of the application (including reference support letters) must be IN THE CHURCH OFFICE BY 11:00AM ON SUNDAY, March 17, 2024. Call the church with questions at 739-3104.

Linwood Community is holding special events in February. They are open for anyone to attend. The last event for February is on Feb. 29th at 2:00pm. Funeral Preplanning is the subject and Joyce Schroeder will be presenting a basic workshop. If you have any questions you can contact Lynn Ann Clausing Rusch at Linwood Community at 920-734-7225.

In the narthex there is a list of members that we need current addresses for so we can contact them. If you have any information on these members please contact the office with that information. Thank you.

The Fox Valley Lions Medical Equipment Locker provides access to medical equipment without charge to the residents of the Fox Valley communities. If you have any unused or unwanted medical equipment that is in good condition, please consider donating it to them. Hearing aid batteries can be donated and people can come in and request free hearing aid batteries. Currently, there are 13, 312 and some 675 batteries. For more information, please visit their website: <https://sites.google.com/view/fvlml/home>

## THIS WEEEK AT ZION

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### Sunday, February 11

2 Kings 2:1-12, Ps 50:1-6

2 Cor 4:3-6, Mark 9:2-9

Choir Rehearsal 8-8:45 am

**Worship Service 9:00 am**

Followed by

Coffee Hour

Sunday School & Confirmation

### Transfiguration of Our Lord

Pastor Warren Egebo

Assisting Minister: Tom Meltz

Acolyte: Alexa Rusch

Musician: Heather Watney

Opens: Jim Schley

Closes: Greg Pettigrew

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### Wednesday, February 14

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17, Ps 51:1-17

2 Cor 5:20b-6:10, Matt 6:1-6, 16-21

**Worship Service 6:00 pm**

### Ash Wednesday Service

Pastor Mike Dismer

Assisting Minister: Deb Reis

Musician: Heather Watney

Opens and Closes: Gwen Schwandt

Tower RingerZ Rehearsal 4:15pm

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### Sunday, February 18

Gen 9:8-17, Ps 25:1-10

1 Peter 3:18-22, Mark 1:9-15

Choir Rehearsal 8-8:45 am

**Worship Service 9:00 am**

Followed by

Coffee Hour

Sunday School & Confirmation

### First Week of Lent

Pastor Jan LaVake

Assisting Minister: Wendy Sachs

Acolyte: Charlee Weiland

Musician: William Surtees

Opens: Gwen Schwandt

Closes: Greg Pettigrew