



**February 18, 2024 - First Sunday in Lent
Traditional Worship Service**



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Welcome from Presiding Minister (PM)

*Please stand as you are able
Turn to follow the cross as it processes through the worship space
Welcome Jesus into our presence*

Jesus Shall Reign

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners
5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar

ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
throng to crown his head; his name like sweet per -
love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
hon - ors to our king; an - gels de - scend with

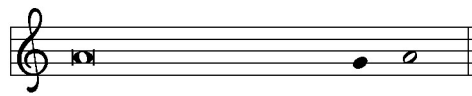
shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.
Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

Congregation responses are in bold print

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.



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



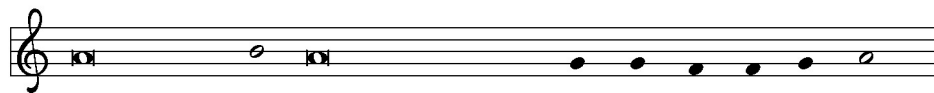
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. **A - men.**

Assisting minister

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

All

Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we

wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;

you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.

For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,

in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

PM: Let us pray.

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.


Please be seated

A reading from Genesis:

(Genesis 9:8-17, Pew Bible, Old Testament, page 6)

The reading concludes with:
Word of God, Word of Life
Thanks be to God

Psalm Paraphrase
(Read responsively
the indented lines)

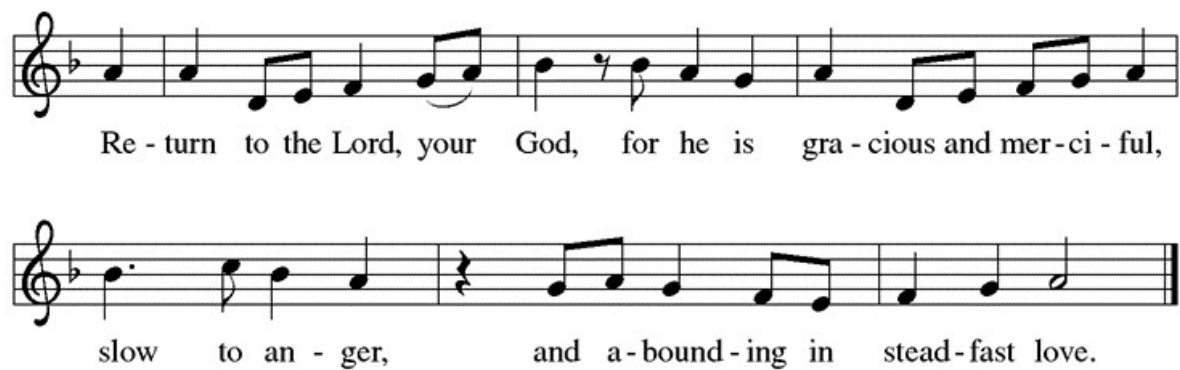
<p>Psalm 25:1-10 Paraphrased by Pastor William</p>	<p>Photo by Pezibear at Pixabay.com</p>
	
<p>I'm craning my neck looking up. I'm looking at you, God; I'm honored to be yours. I'm all in with you; knowing you have my back. I'm your apprentice; teach me your ways. Hold my hand, lead me, guide me; walk me down your path.</p>	<p>I remember your compassion; your love has been forever. You choose to not remember, my faults and misbehaving. You are more than fair; nudge me in the right direction. You walk in front of your sheep; keeping me safe and secure. Now, I can follow you, your path is clearly marked.</p>

A reading from 1 Peter:

(1 Peter 3:18-22 Pew Bible, New Testament, page 183)

The reading concludes with:
Word of God, Word of Life
Thanks be to God

Please stand as you are able



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,
slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

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

(Mark 1:9-15, Pew Bible,
New Testament, page 27)

The reading concludes with:
The gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

Please be seated

Children's Time with Pastor

Sermon

Please stand as you are able

Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak

1 Lord, speak to us, that we may speak in
2 Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead the
3 Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach the
4 Oh, fill us with your full - ness, Lord, un -

liv - ing ech - oes of your tone; as you have sought, so
wan-d'ring and the wa - v'ring feet; oh, feed us, Lord, that
pre - cious truths which you im - part; and wing our words, that
til our ver - y hearts o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and

let us seek your stray - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.
we may feed your hun - g'ring ones with man - na sweet.
they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y a heart.
glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879, alt.
Music: CANONBURY, Robert Schumann, 1810-1856

AM: Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

A brief silence for personal prayer

God our truth, the ark of your church has room for many expressions of faith. We give thanks for voices that challenge and awaken your people. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God our maker, you remember your covenant with the earth and its inhabitants. Rescue communities and creatures hurting from natural disasters. Preserve species and habitats endangered by human carelessness and disregard. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God our light, you know our weakness. Free all who govern from the temptations of power. Sustain all who work for human rights in every nation. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God our help, you care for your beloved children. Comfort all who are grieving, ill, afraid, in pain, or in despair. Feed hungry people living in food deserts. Protect any at risk from exploitation and abuse. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God our home, you gather your people. Grant us health and safety as we assemble. Keep us mindful of any who are homebound, hospitalized, convalescing, or traveling. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Thank you for the life of our birthday siblings,
Mary Humbert, Rick Riffle and Donna Roan

God our hope, you promise eternal life to your beloved children. We remember with gratitude those who have lived and died in faith. Grant that we may also dwell with you in everlasting peace. 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.

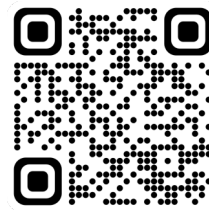
The Offering of our tithes, gifts and sacrifices is gathered for the mission of Christ's church, including the care of those in need.

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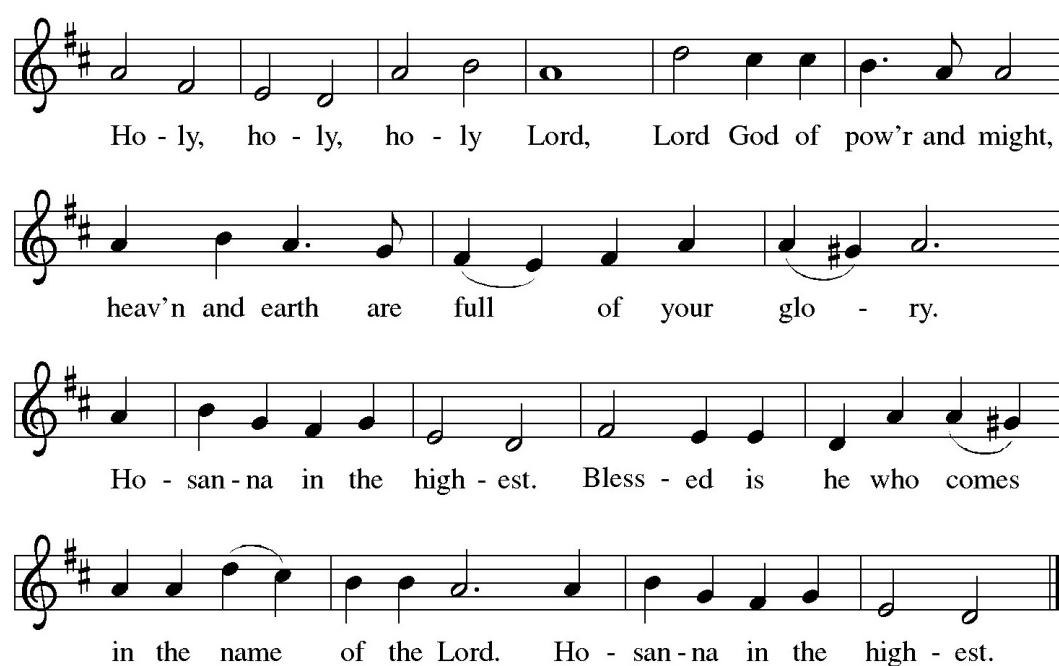
AM: Let us enthusiastically pray our prayer of stewardship, Holy Lord,
I gladly return, for your work, a portion of your abundant provision to me. All that I have is yours alone, entrusted Lord, to my care. Amen.

PM: 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.

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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r 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.

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.

We praise you, O God.

Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

We bless you, O God.

We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

We thank you, O God.

Words of Institution - Please look up, Pastor will be speaking these words

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

We pray for the gift of your Spirit:

**in our gathering;
within this meal;
among your people;
throughout the world.**

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

Amen.

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.

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

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Please be seated

The Lord's Supper (Communion) at this congregation is practiced as an open table – all are welcome.
Jesus said this is his body and blood given and shed for you;
come receive the loving grace God provides for you.

Those who do not commune may come forward for a blessing, for all are loved by God.

Children who commune at their home congregation are encouraged to commune here today too.

Gluten free wafers available. Request at time of receiving communion.

Communion Music: *Just As I Am*

by William B. Bradbury and David Paxton

Please stand as you are able

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

AM: Let us pray,

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.

AM: Let us enthusiastically commit to our mission as we pray,
Lord, my hope and strength comes from you. Open my eyes and heart to become the person you want me to be; a person who cares for the widows and orphans, feeds the hungry, clothes the naked, frees the oppressed, and visits the sick and imprisoned. Give me and this congregation a vision to make a difference in our community. Enliven me to spread the good news of your Son. I pray this all for Jesus's sake. Amen.

PM: The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.
Amen

*Turn to follow the cross as it processes through the Worship Space.
 Then follow it out to join in God's work.*

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to
 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less

earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
 find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788
 Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811-1887

AM: Go in peace. Share your bread.
We will, with God's help.

Please join in the coffee and donut social immediately following the Worship Service

Postlude: *New Faith, New Life*

By: Franklin Ritter

Mark 1:9-15
 Stewardship Moment from Pastor William

*Dwelling in a world
 created with love and
 entrusted to our care*

Stewardship in the Gospel
 In our reading, Jesus tells all who will listen; "repent, and believe in the good news." Repent: stop believing in the wrong things. Good News God's kingdom is near, it is a place of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Galatians 5:22).

Stewardship in our Community
 The above nine fruits of God's Kingdom are very active in our community; we may have to just look harder for them because the fruits of evil take center stage in media and many private conversations.

Stewardship in practice
 Look for examples of people exhibiting some of God's Kingdom fruits. Then, spread the good news. Be part of stewarding (taking care of) those fruits so we can repent and start believing the good news of Jesus.

**Bible Readings for
 February 25**

~Genesis 17:1-7,15-16
 ~Romans 4:13-25
 ~Mark 8:31-38

Weekly News of Zion Lutheran Church

Mark 1:9-15
Gospel Message from Pr. William

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In our reading this week, Jesus is baptized, the heavens are torn open, the Holy Spirit descends on him, God speaks, Jesus is driven into the wilderness, and John the Baptizer is arrested. Wow! That's a lot! But wait, there is more: Jesus tells us to "repent, and believe in the good news." Notice, he says nothing about being sorry for our sins. No, he says to turn from what you are currently believing, start believing in the good news. The good news that the kingdom of God is at hand and you are an integral part of spreading it around. Go in peace, share the good news!



Come join the Men's group for prayers and projects!
Saturday, February 24, 8:30 am



**Lenten Worship Service
and community Meals
Begin TODAY!**

Sunday, February 18

**Supper—5:30pm
Worship-6:15pm**

Be a part of the journey!



**NEW BIBLE STUDY
OPTIONS**

THURSDAY'S BEGINNING FEBRUARY 1

7AM - SAMANTHA'S 6326 MARKET AVE.
9AM - ZOOM BIBLE DISCUSSION
12PM - ZION CHURCH LIBRARY
5:30PM - ZION CHURCH LIBRARY

If you need the Zoom link, please contact the office to receive the weekly email.

The same material will be covered at each weekly session. Everyone is welcome to attend.
Please invite your friends and family.



**CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING**

MARCH 3, 2024

After Worship Service

Today's Worship Leaders

Assisting Minister: Ken Reinoehl
Acolyte: Eli Haga
Accompanist: Steve Moore
Audio/Visual Technicians: Linda Weidenbach
Chris Thompson
Chancel Guild: Jane Fairman & Janet Slease
Child Care Attendant: Amelia Milek
Presiding Minister: Rev. William C Weidenbach Jr.
Reader: Jayne Schrader
Trustees: John Long and Randy Elsass
Flowers by: G. Scott Gross in loving memory of
Anne O. Gross

February 25, 2024 Worship Leaders

Assisting Minister: Jim Fidler
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Accompanist: Carol McKimm
Audio/Visual Technicians: John Rhodes
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Flowers by: Paul & Cindy Bagocius in honor
of Bagocius Family Birthday's
Flowers by: Darlene & Lou Milavickas in
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