

**March 17, 2024 - Fifth 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*

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tow'r - ing
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -
3 When the sun of bliss is beam-ing light and
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the

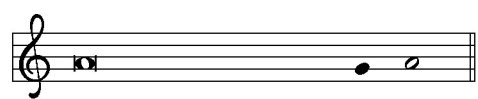
o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of
ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the
love up - on my way, from the cross the
cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that

sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
cross for - sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.
ra - diance stream-ing adds more lus - ter to the day.
knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.

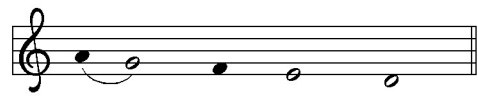
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Music: RATHBUN, Ithamar Conkev. 1815–1867

Congregation responses are in bold print

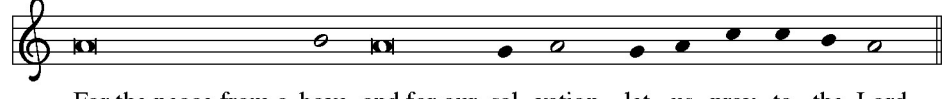
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.



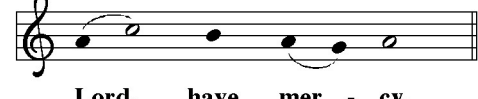
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



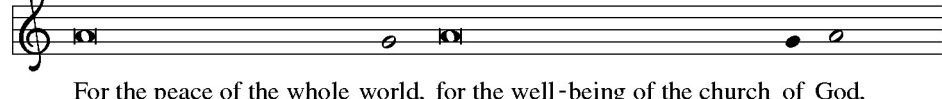
Lord, have mer - cy.



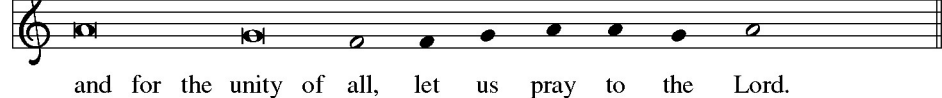
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.




Lord, have mer - cy.



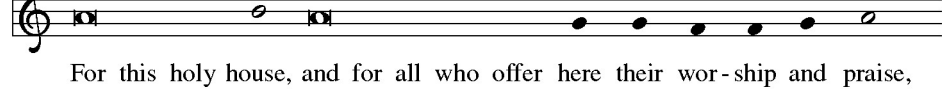
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



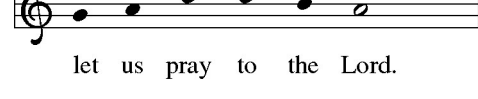
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



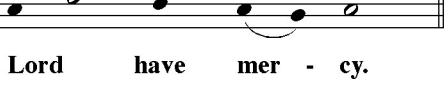
Lord, have mer - cy.



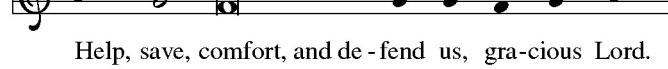
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



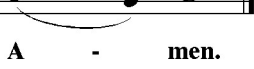
let us pray to the Lord.



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.

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.

Please be seated

A reading from Jeremiah

(Jeremiah 31:31-34 Pew Bible,
Old Testament, page 570)

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

Psalm Paraphrase
(Read responsively
the indented lines)

Oh God, I need your compassion,
I need your abundant love.
Make me clean, for I am filthy,
sometimes my actions stink.

Psalm 51:1-12
Paraphrased by Pastor William



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We both know what I have done,
If I'm honest,
I'm reminded,
that I could have done better.
Sometimes the things I do hurt;
you and those you love.
Don't hold it against me,
though you have every right,
please don't be angry with me.

Give me another chance;
teach me how to truly love,
fill me with your Spirit,
make me a new person,
renew my heart,
clear my mind,
give me your breath of life.

A reading from Hebrews

(Hebrews 5:5-10 Pew Bible,
New Testament, page 172)

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. John
Glory to you, O Lord

(John 12:20-33, Pew Bible,
New Testament, page 81)

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

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Seed That in Earth Is Dying

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps) and 4/4 time. The score consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line with lyrics and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are in English and are repeated for three different voices (1, 2, 3) in the first system. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody. The overall mood is solemn and reflective, fitting for the Lenten season.

1 Seed that in earth is dy - ing grows in - to ears of
2 We were bap - tized in Je - sus, in - to his death and
3 Seed that in earth is dy - ing ris - es to bear much

grain.
grave,
fruit.

Grapes that are crushed in the ves - sel
to res - ur - rec - tion's prom - ise:
Christ, as we meet at your ta - ble,

turn in - to gold - en wine. God, through this mys - ter - y grant us
praise and e - ter - nal life. Heav - en's own prais - es be - gin here
give us the bread of life. Lord, we do thank and a - dore you!

faith in our deep - est dark - ness, life in our night and death.
where you your - self are near us, deep in our night and death.
Un - ceas - ing praise of the a - ges ris - es from night and death.

Text: Svein Ellingsen, b. 1929; tr. Hedwig T. Durnbaugh, b. 1929
Music: Harald Herresthal, b. 1944

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SÅKORN SOM DØR I JORDEN
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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 of the covenant, through the church you draw us into community. We give thanks for the means of grace around which we gather. Inspire writers, musicians, and artists whose creative gifts adorn our worship. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of all that exists, you lavish the earth with extravagant beauty. Preserve the rich and complex diversity of living things. Support local, national, and international efforts to protect the environment for future generations. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of the nations, you desire peace and plenty for all people. Defend those who challenge oppression and expose corruption. Support advocates for human rights, social justice, and the welfare of children. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of good will, you restore what is broken. We pray for any experiencing estrangement, conflict, or abuse in families and intimate relationships. Protect and comfort all who are vulnerable, especially those living in institutions. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of every time and place, you are with us. Support ministries of prayer and presence in all congregations. Move us to reach out to any who are homebound, lonely, grieving, in treatment, or ill. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Thank you for the life of our birthday siblings,
Brian Kay, Eli Haga and Corlene Coulter

God of promise, we give thanks for the saints whose faith inspires us. Grant us faith to trust in your everlasting love. 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: *Change My Heart, O God*

By: Eddie Espinosa

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.*

Lift High the Cross

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till

all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

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1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:



Refrain
our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

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Music: CRUCIFER, Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875–1947
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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: *Lift High The Cross*By: Douglas E. Wagner

John 12:20-33

Stewardship Moment from Pastor William



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

Stewardship in the Gospel

Our gospel reading tells us about people that want to see, be with, hang-out with Jesus. But Jesus has another idea; let's get busy working in God's kingdom together. Jesus tells them to follow him and be a servant like him.

Stewardship in our Community

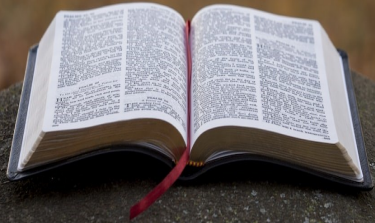
Our community tends to have a "me first" attitude, and that doesn't work well for the good of all. Jesus turns that attitude upside-down. Jesus is a servant and wants us to serve alongside him. Not serve others to make them happy or solve all their problems, but serve in ways that show them the love of God.

Stewardship in practice

In our denomination, we welcome the newly baptized into our midst with these words: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven (Mathew 5:16). How can you serve others that glorifies God? First, actually do good works. Second, give public thanks to God that you have been blessed to be a blessing. Third, seek to serve rather than to be served.

**Bible Readings for
March 24**

~Isaiah 50:4-9a
~Philippians 2:5-11
~Mark 14:1-15:47



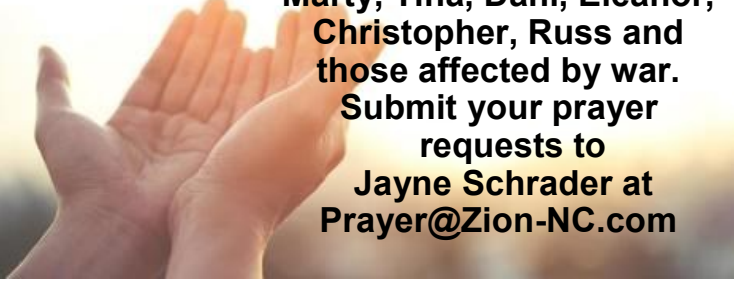
Weekly News of Zion Lutheran Church



John 12:20-33
Gospel Message from Pr. William

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In our gospel reading for this last week of Lent, Jesus openly talks about his impending death and then tells those with him to follow him. Jesus wants those around him to not be just hangers-on, but to be servants. Jesus isn't looking for people to serve him tea and crumpets. No, he wants people busy serving in God's kingdom the same way he is serving. Oh, and by the way, this won't be easy work – look what happened to Jesus. So, are you a hanger-on, or a servant? Christianity; it's not for wimps.



This week we pray for:
Marty, Tina, Dani, Eleanor,
Christopher, Russ and
those affected by war.
Submit your prayer
requests to
Jayne Schrader at
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**Last Sunday Evening
Lenten Worship Service
and Meal
March 17**

**Supper—5:30pm
Worship-6:15pm**

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Today's Worship Leaders

Assisting Minister: Jim Fidler
Acolyte: LJ Brown
Accompanist: Steve Moore
Audio/Visual Technicians: Linda Weidenbach
John Rhodes
Chancel Guild: Jayne Schrader and Sally Bunyan
Child Care Attendant: Amelia Milek
Presiding Minister: Rev. William C Weidenbach Jr.
Reader: Mark Denman
Trustees: John Long and Brian Milek
Flowers by: Carol Rossbach in loving memory of
Gregg Evanoff

March 24, 2024 Worship Leaders

Assisting Minister: Cindy Bagocius
Acolyte: Ava Medina
Accompanist: Digital Organ
Audio/Visual Technicians: Chris Thompson
Paul Bagocius
Chancel Guild: Jayne Schrader & Beth Shaheen
Child Care Attendant: Amelia Milek
Presiding Minister: Rev. William C.
Weidenbach Jr.
Reader: Nick Cignetti
Trustees: Rob Frock and Scott Gross
Flowers by: Carol Snyder and Becky Drakulich in
loving memory of husband, father
and grandfather Bud Snyder