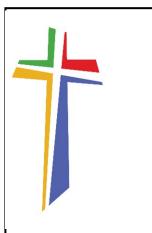


March 3, 2024 - Third Sunday in Lent Blended Worship Service



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Welcome from Presiding Minister (PM)

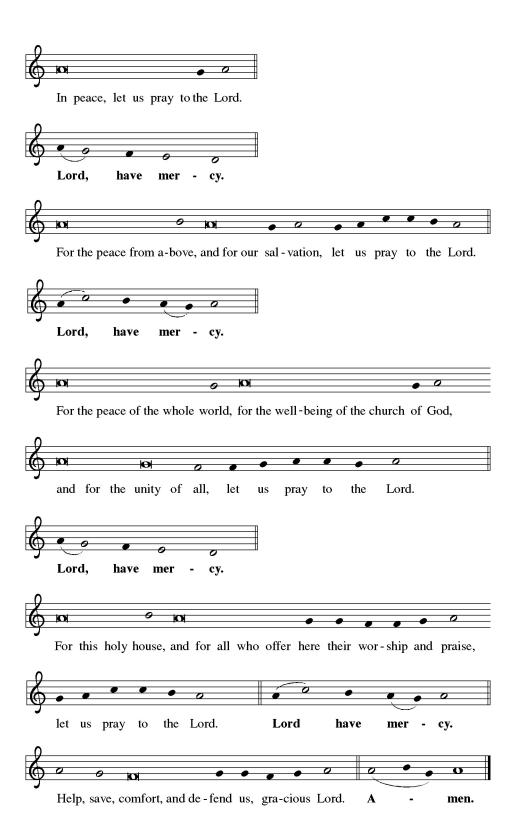
Please stand as you are able
Turn to follow the cross as it processes through the worship space
Welcome Jesus into our presence



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.





PM: Let us pray.

Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

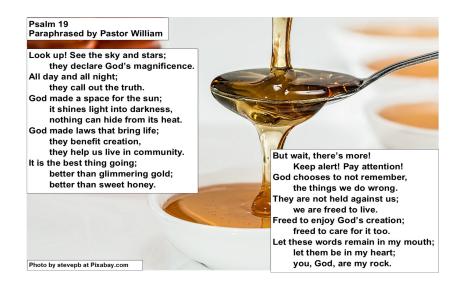
Please be seated

A reading from Exodus:

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

Psalm Paraphrase (Read responsively the indented lines)

(Exodus 20:1-17, Pew Bible, Old Testament, page 51)



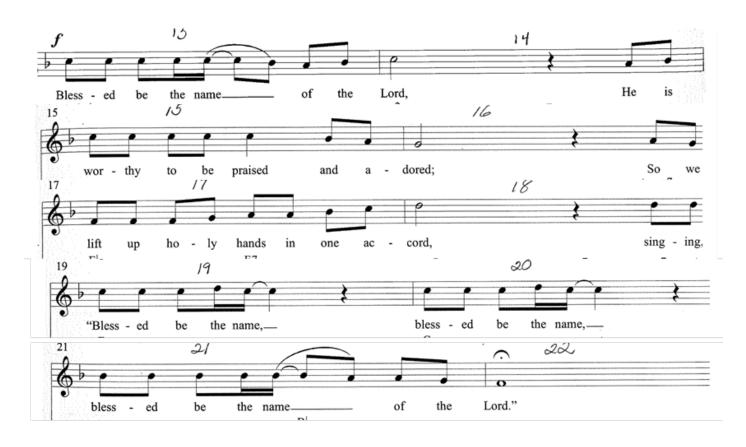


A reading from 1 Corinthians:

(1 Corinthians 1:18-25 Pew Bible, New Testament, page 127)

The reading concludes with: Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God



Please stand as you are able

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

(John 2:13-22, Pew Bible, New Testament, page 71)

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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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

You alone are God. We thank you for the gift of sabbath rest. Awaken the church to the mystery of your presence and give us glad hearts as we receive the good news of your deliverance. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You renew creation. Drive out those who would make the earth a marketplace. Protect rainforests, mountaintops, oceans, and wilderness areas from commercial exploitation. Unite nations, policy-makers, and businesses in efforts to reduce carbon emissions. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You judge the nations. We pray for an end to war and strife in every land. Strengthen international efforts to negotiate peace and provide humanitarian aid to people fleeing from conflict. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You bring healing and hope. We give thanks for physicians, nurses, researchers, therapists, and public health workers who prevent and treat illness. We pray for any who are sick. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You abide with your people. Sustain any in all communities undergoing life transitions: marriage, divorce, childbirth, adoption, moving, graduation, employment change, or a death in the family. We pray for those preparing for baptism. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Thank you for the life of our birthday siblings,

Darlene Dague and LJ Brown

You bring life from death. We remember our loved ones who have died, confident that they have new life in you. May we trust that nothing can separate us from your 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.

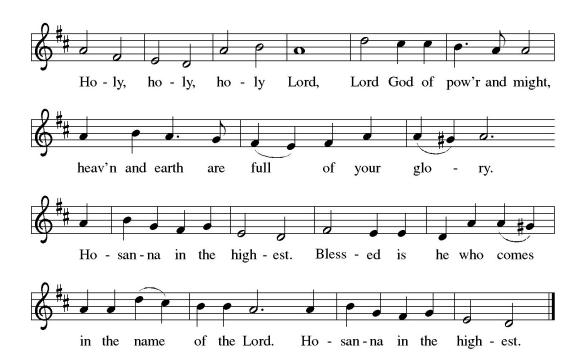
Lift up your hearts

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:



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: Give Thanks By: Henry Smith

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

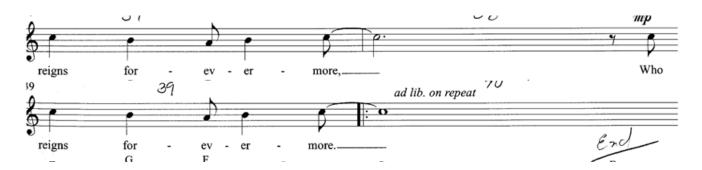
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Then follow it out to join in God's work.



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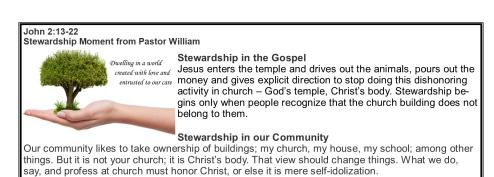




AM: Go in peace. Share your bread. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stay seated for the Congregational Meeting with coffee and donuts immediately following!

Postlude: *He is Exalted*By: Twila Paris

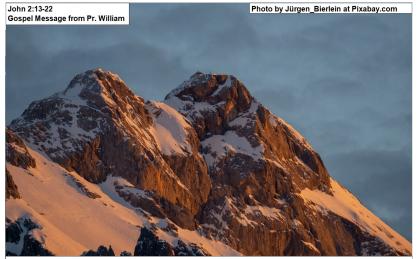


Stewardship in practice

How can you honor Christ by your actions at church? Start by taking your preferences out of the conversation. Church is not about: your favorite music, your preferred worship time, your choice of worship style, you wanting a printed bulletin or video screen, or any other myriad of things that YOU want. Church is Christ's body; it is about what honors Christ and what Christ wants. Now, seek out what Christ wants out of your time at church.







In our reading this week, Jesus speaks of the Temple being desecrated by the non-worship activities taking place inside it. The gospel writer, John, informs us that Jesus was referring to the temple of his body. Do we see our church buildings as being the body of Christ? Instead of claiming the church building as belonging to us, it might be better to see the building as Christ's body. Then, we might have to re-think what we do and how we treat it. It might lead us to consider how we can honor the temple of Christ we call church.



Weekly News of Zion Lutheran Church

Today's Worship Leaders

Assisting Minister: Linda Weidenbach

Acolyte: Eli Haga

Accompanist: Carol McKimm

Audio/Visual Technicians: Chris Thompson &

Paul Bagocius

Chancel Guild: Beth Shaheen and Sally Bunyan

Child Care Attendant: Amelia Milek

Presiding Minister: Rev. William C Weidenbach Jr.

Reader: Laura Thompson

Trustees: Rob Frock and Scott Gross

Flowers by: Laura & Christopher Thompson and Kay Reiss in loving memory of mother, grand-

mother and great-grandmother Kathryn Morrison

March 10, 2024 Worship Leaders

Assisting Minister: George Miller

Acolyte: Ben Keith

Accompanist: Carol McKimm

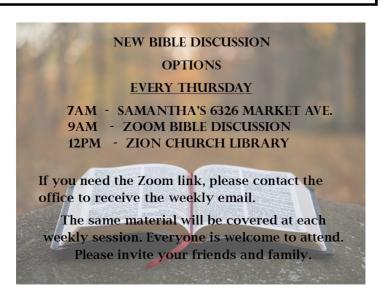
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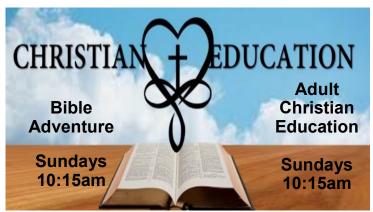
Scott Bagocius





WELCOME OUR NEW DISCIPLE VERA HARRIS Wednesday, March 6, 7pm Worship Service

Reception to follow





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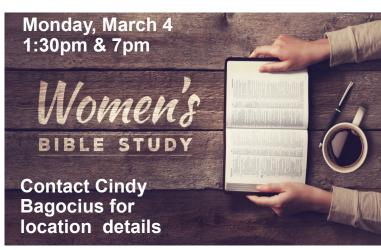
This week we pray for: The Robarge Family, Rick, Angel, Anna and those affected by war. Submit your prayer requests to Jayne Schrader at Prayer@Zion-NC.com











March 9—4pm



