

# WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD

MATTHEW 4:10

**February 22, 2026  
First Sunday in Lent  
Traditional Worship Service**



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*Congregation responses are in bold*

Guest Minister (PM) - Rev. David Houdeschell

Announcements made prior to the start of our service

Prelude

*Please stand as you are able*

*We welcome Jesus into our presence as we  
turn to follow the cross as it is processed through our worship space*

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;  
2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with  
3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me: I want Je - sus to walk with me;  
me: in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with  
me: when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me: all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,  
me: when my heart is al - most break - ing,  
me: when my head is bowed in sor - row,

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Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.  
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me. walk with me.  
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

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Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.  
**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt and blots out all offenses.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Gracious God,  
**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you:  
 Gracious God,  
**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word:  
 Gracious God,  
**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For failing to recognize your coming reign,  
 and for hindering the work of the Spirit: Gracious God,  
**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition,  
 and for disdaining the living water Christ offers: Gracious God,  
**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For disregarding voices from the margin,  
 and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world:  
 Gracious God,  
**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent,  
 and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life:  
 Gracious God,  
**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound. Through faith, the free gift of God, you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead dwells in you, pours God's love into your hearts, and gives you life and peace.

**Amen.**

PM: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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 mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Amen.**

PM: Let us pray.

**Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through 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 Genesis:

(Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 Pew Bible,  
Old Testament, page 2)

The reading concludes with:

Word of God, Word of Life

**Thanks be to God**

**Psalm: Psalm 32**

Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!

**Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile!**

While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, because of my groaning all day long.

**For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

**Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; when the**

**great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.**

You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

**“I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; I will guide you with my eye.**

Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you.”

**Great are the tribulations of the wicked; but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.**

Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

A reading from Romans:

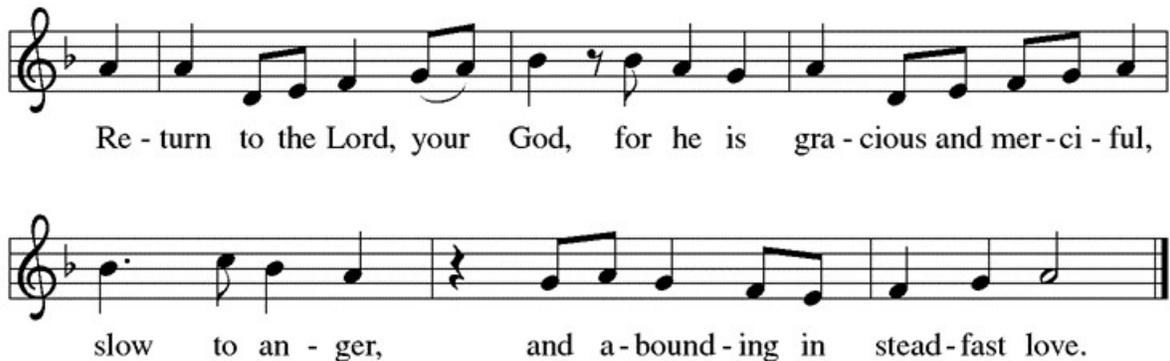
(Romans 5:12-19 , Pew Bible,  
New Testament, page 119)

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. Matthew

**Glory to you, O Lord**

(Matthew 4:1-11 Pew Bible,  
New Testament, page 2)

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*

## The Glory of These Forty Days

1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we cel - e -  
 2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the lov - ing  
 3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de - liv - ered  
 4 Then grant, O God, that we may, too, re - turn in

brate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all  
 God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,  
 from the li - ons' might; and John, the Bride - groom's  
 fast and prayer to you. Our spir - its strength - en

things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.  
 fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.  
 friend, be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.  
 with your grace, and give us joy to see your face.

Text: Latin hymn, 11th cent.; tr. Maurice F. Bell, 1862-1947, alt.

Music: ERHALT UNS, HERR, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543

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PM: Let us confess our faith in the words of the 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.**

AM: Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

*A brief silence.*

AM: God of all grace, grant faith to your church. Give to all the baptized the will to resist temptation and to worship and serve you alone. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

AM: God of all creation, tend this earth. When human greed and disobedience threaten this planet and the life it contains, lead us by your Spirit into ways of reverence, awe, and gentleness. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

AM: God of all nations, preserve us from trouble. Surround all living in places of violence with your steadfast love and give resilience to all who work for peace. Grant courage to those who challenge, especially around issues of racism and systemic oppression. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

AM: God of all healing, mend our wounds. Bring wholeness to all who are sick, give peace to all who groan in grief, and send companions to all who are lonely or isolated. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

AM: God of all people, provide for our community. For any among us who hunger for bread, bring nourishment. For any among us who hunger for truth, speak your life-giving word. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Thank you for the life of our birthday sibling,

**Darlene Dague**

Bless this week's marriage and help us support their life together,

**Mark and Laura Thompson**

AM: God of all life, bring us to you. We thank you for your free and abounding grace, and for those who, by that same grace, now rest eternally in you. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

AM: Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.

**Amen.**

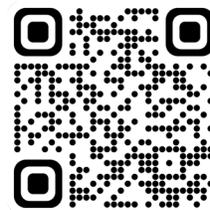
*The Offering of our tithes, gifts and sacrifices is gathered for the mission of Christ's church, including the care of those in need.*

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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 up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PM: 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. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. 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.

PM: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

PM: For as often as we eat this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the mystery of our faith.

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

PM: To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

**Amen, amen, and amen!**

Let us enthusiastically pray as Jesus taught us,

**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.**

PM: Come to the table.

Feast on God's goodness and mercy.



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:

*Please stand as you are able*

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

AM: Let us pray,  
**God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**  
**Amen.**

AM: Let us enthusiastically commit to our mission as we pray,  
**Lord, my hope and strength come 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: Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity: God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation, † bless you now and always.  
**Amen.**

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

Verses 1-4

Chief of Sinners Though I Be

1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed his blood for me,  
2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love! High - er than the heav'ns a - bove,  
3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part balm to heal the wound - ed heart,  
4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in all to me;  
5 O my Sav - ior, help af - ford by your Spir - it and your word!

died that I might live on high, lives that I might nev - er die.  
deep - er than the depths of sea, last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty.  
peace that flows from sin for - giv'n, joy that lifts the soul to heav'n,  
all my wants to him are known, all my sor - rows are his own.  
When my way - ward heart would stray, keep me in the nar - row way;

As the branch is to the vine, I am his, and he is mine.  
Love that found me—won - drous thought—found me when I sought him not.  
faith and hope to walk with God in the way that E - noch trod.  
He sus - tains the hid - den life safe with him from earth - ly strife.  
grace in time of need sup - ply while I live and when I die.

Text: William McComb, 1793-1870  
Music: GETHSEMANE, Richard Redhead, 1820-1901

PM: Go in peace. Believe the good news.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

## The Weekly News of Zion Lutheran Church

We pray this week for Linda, Gavin & Tristan, and all those affected by war.

Contact Jayne Schrader at  
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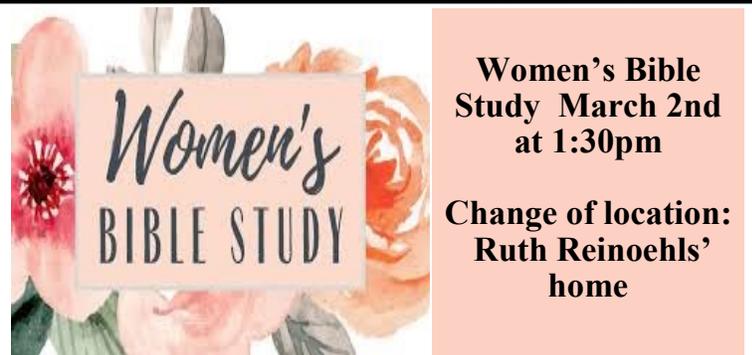
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Lenten Dinner  
tonight at  
5:30pm and  
Service at  
6:15pm



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Practice every Monday  
6:30pm  
Everyone welcome!  
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**Women's Bible Study March 2nd at 1:30pm**  
**Change of location: Ruth Reinoehls' home**

### Today's Worship Leaders

Guest Minister: Rev. David Houdeschell  
Assisting Minister: George Miller  
Acolyte: Ben Keith  
Accompanist: Digital Music  
Audio/Visual Technicians: John Rhodes and  
Chris Thompson  
Chancel Guild: Jane Fairman & Janet Slease  
Reader: Renee Keith  
Trustees: Rob Frock & Scott Gross  
Flowers By: Cindy & Paul Bagocius in appreciation  
of God's steadfast love & blessings  
Lou & Darlene Milavickas in loving memory of Ellis  
Le Beau

### March 1st, 2026 Worship Leaders

Guest Minister: Rev. David Houdeschell  
Assisting Minister: Beth Heller  
Acolyte: Ben Keith  
Accompanist: Susan Kaschak  
Audio/Visual Technicians: John Rhodes and  
Chris Thompson  
Chancel Guild: Linda Smith & Corlene Coulter  
Reader: Laura Thompson  
Trustees: Randy Elsass & Brian Milek  
Flowers By: George and Marcia Miller in  
memory of Audrey Miller