



Lord,  
I believe

JOHN 9:38

**March 15, 2026  
Fourth Sunday in Lent  
Traditional Worship Service**



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*Congregation responses are in bold*

Guest Minister (PM) - Rev. Bob Sander

Announcements made prior to the start of our service

Prelude Open Mine Eyes, That I May See Clara H. Scott arr. Norman Johnson

*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*

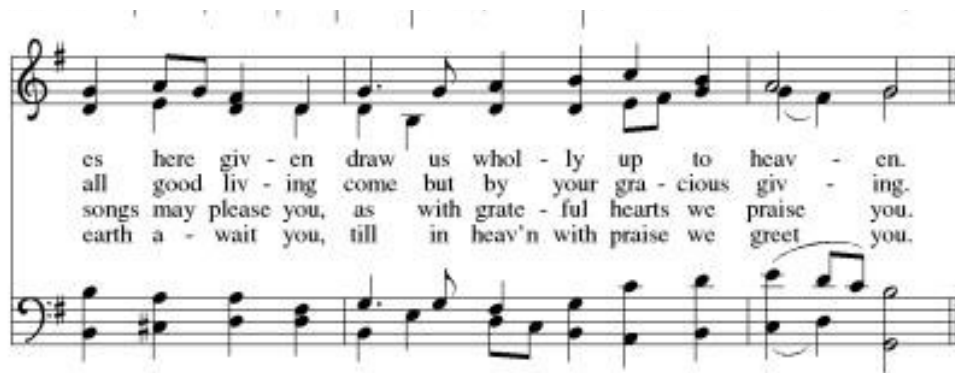
Dearest Jesus, at Your Word

1 Dear - est Je - sus, at your word we have come a -  
 2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est  
 3 Ra - diance of God's glo - ry bright, Light of Light from  
 4 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, praise to you and

gain to hear you; let our thoughts and hearts be stirred  
 dark - ness shroud - ed till your Spir - it breaks the night,  
 God pro - ceed - ing, Je - sus, send your bless - ed light;  
 ad - o - ra - tion! Grant us what we need the most:

and in glow - ing faith be near you as the prom - is -  
 fill - ing us with light un - cloud - ed, All good thoughts and  
 help our hear - ing, speak - ing, heed - ing, that our prayers and  
 all your gos - pel's con - so - la - tion while we here on

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Text: Tobias Clausnitzer, 1619–1684, sts. 1–3; Gesangebuch, Berlin, 1707, st. 4; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, adapt.  
 Music: LIEBSTER JESU, WIR SIND HIER, Johann R. Ahle, 1625–1673

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 disdain 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.

**Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

A reading from 1 Samuel:

(1 Samuel 16: 1-13 Pew Bible,  
Old Testament, page 202)

The reading concludes with:

Word of God, Word of Life

**Thanks be to God**

**Psalm: Psalm 23**

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.**

You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

A reading from Ephesians:

(Ephesians 5:8-14 , Pew Bible  
New Testament, page 150)

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 9:1-41 Pew Bible,  
New Testament, page 78)

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*

## Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line with lyrics and a bass line. The lyrics are arranged in three numbered parts. The first system covers the first two lines of lyrics. The second system covers the next two lines. The third system covers the final two lines. The music is a simple, homophonic setting with a clear harmonic structure.

1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true and on - ly light,  
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pa - nied by thee;  
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief;

Sun of righ-teous-ness, a - rise, tri-umph o'er the shades of night;  
joy-less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer-cy's beams I see,  
fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine, scat - ter all my un - be - lief;

Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.  
till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.  
more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788

Music: RATISBON, J. G. Werner, *Choralbuch*, 1815

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, our shepherd, we pray that you guide the church. Lead Christians in our community and across the globe in right paths for your name's sake. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

AM: God our provider, we cry out for this planet and the life it holds. Rescue endangered animals and plants, preserve threatened ecosystems, and save creatures from natural disasters. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

AM: God our sovereign, we plead for your peace on earth. Bring an end to war and violence, and raise up leaders in governments, courts, businesses, schools, and community organizations who seek goodness and mercy. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

AM: God our healer, we call to you in our need. Uplift all who are made to feel unimportant, and transform the hearts of all infected by bigotry and prejudice. Care for all in special need this day. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

AM: God our friend, we praise you for the diversity of people among us. Awaken us to share and receive the gifts we each possess, and stir up a spirit of understanding, celebration, and welcome for all. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Thank you for the life of our birthday siblings,

**Brian Kay, Eli Haga, and Corlene Coulter**

AM: God our home, we thank you for all who have died and completed their baptismal journeys. Grant us faith to live until we too dwell in your house forever. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

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

**Amen.**

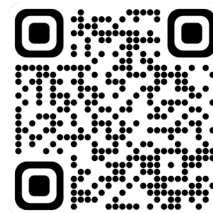
*The Offering of our tithes, gifts and sacrifices is gathered for the mission of Christ's church, including the care of those in need.*

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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.**

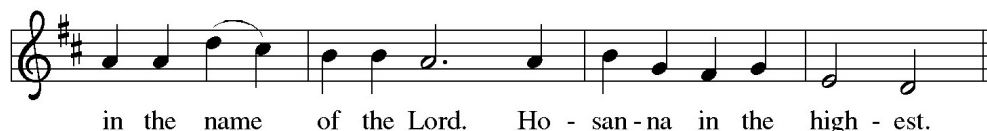
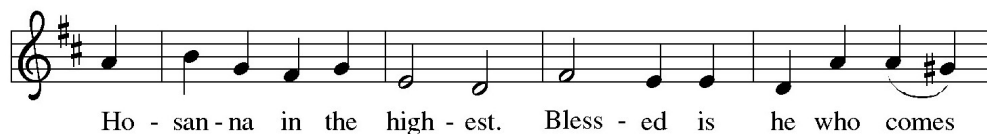
Lift up your hearts.

**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:



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.



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.

*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: In the Cross of Christ I Glory Ithamar Conkey arr. Jason W. Krug

*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.*

## Be Thou My Vision



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,  
 4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:  
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,  
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,  
 thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.  
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931  
 Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

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

Postlude Great is Thy Faithfulness

William M. Runyan arr. Marilyn Arison

## The Weekly News of Zion Lutheran Church

We pray this week for John Long , Noel & Amy, and all those affected by war.

Contact Jayne Schrader at  
prayer@zion-nc.com

**P R A Y E R**  
R E Q U E S T S



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

**JOIN THE CHOIR!!**

Practice every Monday

6:30pm

Everyone welcome!

No experience needed.



**FOOD PANTRY GIVEAWAY**  
**MARCH 17TH**

**9AM SET UP**  
**12PM HOT MEAL**  
**1PM DISTRIBUTION**



**SHARED GOODS GIVEAWAY**

**MARCH 16TH FROM 5PM TO 7PM**  
**AND**  
**MARCH 17TH FROM 12PM TO 2PM**



**Easter Lily**  
**Acknowledgments**  
**are due March 30,**  
**2026**

### Today's Worship Leaders

Guest Minister: Rev. Bob Sander  
Assisting Minister: Ken Reinoehl  
Acolyte: LJ Brown  
Accompanist: Steve Moore  
Audio/Visual Technicians: John Rhodes and  
Paul Bagocius  
Chancel Guild: Darlene Milavickas & Harriet Bowers  
Reader: Ruth Reinoehl  
Trustees: Rob Frock & Scott Gross  
Flowers By: Mike and Jayne Schrader in honor  
of our children and grandchildren  
Carol Rossbach in memory of Gregg  
Evanoff

### March 22, 2026 Worship Leaders

Guest Minister: Rev. David Rice  
Assisting Minister: George Miller  
Acolyte: Eli Haga  
Accompanist: Susan Kaschak  
Audio/Visual Technicians: Chris Thompson and  
Paul Bagocius  
Chancel Guild: Beth Shaheen & Jayne Schrader  
Reader: Randy Cizek  
Trustees: Randy Elsass & Darlene Milavickas  
Flowers By: Lou & Darlene Milavickas in  
memory of Ellis Le Beau and in honor of  
Shirley Dennis