

**Second Sunday in Lent**  
*A Service of Word & Sacrament*  
*March 1, 2026*

Nicodemus came  
to  
*Jesus*  
BY NIGHT

JOHN 3:2



**ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
85 E. Brandt Boulevard  
Landisville, PA

*Connecting with God; Connecting with others; Connecting others with God*

## GENERAL INFORMATION

**WELCOME TO ZION!** We are glad you have chosen to worship with us this morning! The service contains the four parts of the Lutheran liturgy (The Gathering, The Word, The Meal, and The Sending). Please note that those who are remembered in the liturgical calendar are included in the Prayers of the Faithful. If you have any questions concerning our service, please do not hesitate to talk with our pastor, Pastor Tim.

## WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AT ZION

**IN-PERSON:** All are invited to join us for worship at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday morning.

**ONLINE:** If you are unable to worship in-person, the service is live-streamed and can be viewed on the church YouTube channel:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIv\\_3AeK\\_pExuVhcUfl2cSw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIv_3AeK_pExuVhcUfl2cSw)

## SUNDAY MORNING INFORMATION

- ❖ Restrooms are available by the front entrance of the church in the narthex and in the hallway off the back door. Infant changing tables can be found in the women's and men's bathrooms in the hallway off the back door.
- ❖ Children are welcome to be active participants in the worship service. There are bags located at the back of the sanctuary with quiet worship activities and goodies to take home. Kids of all ages are invited to come forward for the Children's Chat. After the Children's Chat, all children are welcome to leave the service to attend Sunday School. Currently, nursery care is not available but you may use the nursery room or the parlor as a calming room while also still being able to listen to the service.
- ❖ Ushers are located near the front and back of the worship area to direct people to seating, assist with other matters, and to answer questions.



# Second Sunday in Lent

*P: Pastor      A: Assisting Minister      C: Congregation (bolded)*

## † THE GATHERING †

### INTRODUCTION

*Please recite responsively*

P: At the heart of worship are the font, the desk, the pulpit, and the table.

C: **They tell the truth about God and about us.**

At the font, water speaks God's promise. Like Abraham, we are reckoned righteous through faith, not by works, and called into the life that God gives, a life that blesses all nations.

**We are made in God's image.**

Yet we confess our doubts and fears.

**Blessed are those whose faith is counted as righteousness.**

At the desk, the Word is opened. God watches over us, lifts our eyes, and calls us to trust.

**Our help comes from the Lord.**

At the pulpit, good news is proclaimed: Christ gives new life, sin is forgiven, and the Spirit births us anew.

**For God so loved the world...**

At the table, bread is broken, the cup shared, and we are renewed for the journey.

**Christ gives himself for us.**

Washed, spoken to, and fed,

**We are formed and sent by grace.**

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

*Please stand if you are able.*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

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

C: **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.**

**GATHERING HYMN**

*How Firm a Foundation*

**ELW 796**



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,  
 2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,  
 3 "When through fi - ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,  
 4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!  
 for I am your God and will still give you aid;  
 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.  
 my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said  
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
 The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign  
 and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,



who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?  
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."  
 your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."  
 like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

Text: J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.  
 Music: FOUNDATION, Early American

## GREETING

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

**C:** **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P:** O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## † THE WORD †

### GENESIS 12:1-4a

*The blessing of God upon Abram.*

**A:** <sup>1</sup>The Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup>I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

<sup>4a</sup>So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him.

The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 121

*Please chant responsively.*



- A: <sup>1</sup> I lift up my eyes | to the hills;  
from where is my | help to come?
- <sup>2</sup> **My help comes | from the Lord,  
the maker of heav- | en and earth.**
- <sup>3</sup> The Lord will not let your | foot be moved  
nor will the one who watches over you | fall asleep.
- <sup>4</sup> **Behold, the keep- | er of Israel  
will neither slum- | ber nor sleep;**
- <sup>5</sup> the Lord watches | over you;  
the Lord is your shade at | your right hand;
- <sup>6</sup> **the sun will not strike | you by day,  
nor the | moon by night.**
- <sup>7</sup> The Lord will preserve you | from all evil  
and will | keep your life.
- <sup>8</sup> **The Lord will watch over your going out and your | coming in,  
from this time forth for- | evermore.**

**ROMANS 4:1-5, 13-17**

*The promise to those who share Abraham's faith.*

- A: <sup>1</sup> What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? <sup>2</sup> For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. <sup>3</sup> For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." <sup>4</sup> Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. <sup>5</sup> But to one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

<sup>13</sup> For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup> For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup> For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

<sup>16</sup> For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup> as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

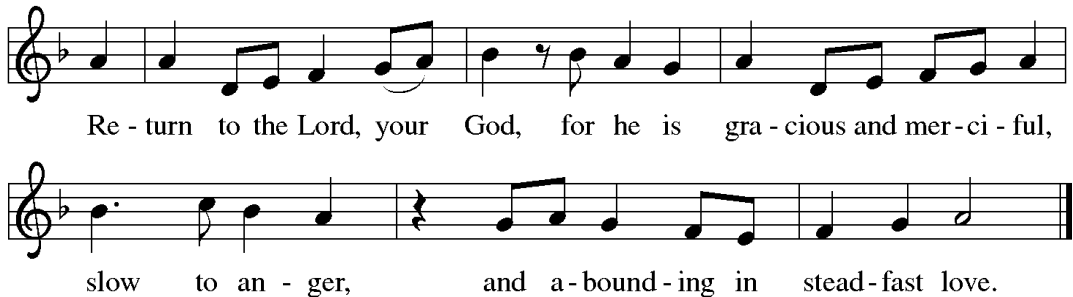
The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## CHILDREN’S CHAT & DISMISSAL TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

*Please stand if you are able.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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.

## JOHN 3:1-17

*The mission of Christ: to save the world.*

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter.

**C:** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: <sup>1</sup> Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup> He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person.” <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” <sup>4</sup> Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” <sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup> What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup> Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ <sup>8</sup> The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” <sup>9</sup> Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

<sup>11</sup> “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup> If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup> No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup> And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. <sup>16</sup> “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

MESSAGE

Pastor Tim Seitz-Brown

**When we were children, we used to think that when we were grown up, we would no longer be vulnerable.  
But to grow up is to accept vulnerability.**

-Madeleine L'Engle, *Walking on Water*

Please stand if you are able.

SERMON HYMN

God Loved the World

ELW 323

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line in the treble clef and a bass line in the bass clef. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

1 God loved the world so that he gave his on - ly  
2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, who was made  
3 If you are ill, if death draws near, this truth your  
4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son for - gives all  
5 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly

Son the lost to save, that all who would in  
flesh and suf - fered death; all who con - fide in  
trou - bled heart can cheer: Christ Je - sus res - cues  
sins that you have done, and jus - ti - fied by  
Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed

him be - lieve should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.  
Christ a - lone are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.  
us from death; that is the firm - est ground of faith.  
Je - sus' blood, your bap - tism grants the high - est good.  
Trin - i - ty, be praise now and e - ter - nal - ly!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Bollhagen, 1791; tr. August Crull, 1846–1923, alt.  
Music: ROCKINGHAM OLD, Edward Miller, 1731–1807, adapt.

## **APOSTLES CREED**

P: Let us profess our faith together.

C: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

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

*A brief silence.*

Faithful One, you renew us by grace. As you have inspired faith through the work of church artists and hymnwriters throughout the ages, give your church the means to praise your beauty today. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Living One, you delight in this world. The sun and moon, the wind and the water declare your goodness. Preserve this earth, and protect conservationists, scientists, and all who labor in service to creation. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Ruling One, you bless us to be a blessing. Open the hearts of all leaders to seek the flourishing of every person and lend your help to all who wait for justice, deliverance, and peace. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Compassionate One, you send your Son to save. Declare your word of acceptance to any who feel condemned and lift up any brought low by hatred and exclusion. Tend to all who are struggling with illness or loss (*especially*). Hear us, O God.  
**Your mercy is great.**

Guiding One, you watch over our going out and coming in. Bless newcomers and new members in this assembly (*especially*) and accompany those who have recently left this community to journey elsewhere (*especially*). Hear us, O God.  
**Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

P: Eternal One, you neither slumber nor sleep. Be our keeper in life and in death. Thank you for our beloved who have died, and for your promise which saves this whole world by your love. Hear us, O God.  
**Your mercy is great.**

Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.  
**Amen.**

## **THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

## † THE MEAL †

### **PRAYER**

A: Let us pray. O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name.

C: **Amen.**

### **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: We pray together.

C: **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.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Come to the table. Feast on God's goodness and mercy.

*Please be seated.*

## PARTAKING IN THE BREAD AND CUP OF SALVATION

*All baptized Christians are welcome to partake of the Holy Sacrament. Those who do not or choose not to partake of the sacrament may receive a blessing.*

*For those not able to have red wine, there is grape juice in the outer circle of every tray. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. When given the bread and cup, the communion ministers will say: "The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you," to which you may respond: "Amen."*

*Please use this time for quiet reflection until all worshippers have communed and have returned to their seats.*

## COMMUNION MUSIC



*Please stand if you are able.*

### POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C: **Amen.**

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: 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.

C: **Amen.**

### † THE SENDING †

### BLESSING

P: 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.

C: **Amen.**

### SENDING HYMN

### *Blessed Assurance*

ELW 638

1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!  
2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;  
3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,

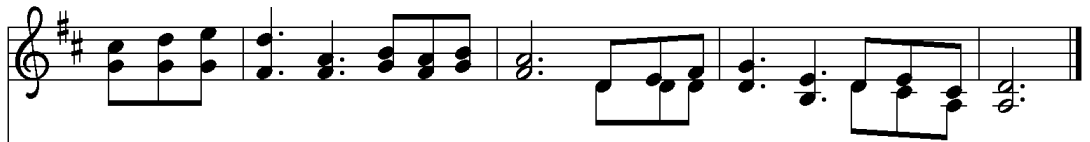




Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of God, born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.  
an - gels de - scend - ing bring from a - bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.  
watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove, filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.



This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long:



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Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915  
Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

**CHORAL BENEDICTION**

*Blessing of Love*

**Mark Patterson**

**DISMISSAL**

**P:** Go in peace. Believe the good news.

**C”** Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE**

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## THIS WEEK AT ZION

### **Sunday, March 1**

*\* The altar flowers are sponsored by Al & Diane Ramer with gratitude for the many ways generosity is shared here at Zion, in the community, and with the world.*

*\*The bulletins are sponsored by Joe & Susan Hindes in memory of loved ones.*

*\* The communion elements are sponsored by Bob Wildasin in memory of Barb's birthday on March 4 and her death on March 14.*

Worship – 9:00 a.m. (In-Person & Livestreamed/Recorded)

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Children's Sunday School – Kids are excused after the Children's Chat

Adult Sunday School – 10:30 a.m.

Bible Study Class – Parlor

Wired Word Class – Zone & Zoom (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2283229266>)

### **Monday, March 2**

Comforters – 9 a.m. (Social Room/Kitchen)

Food Pantry – 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Property – 7 p.m. (Parlor)

### **Tuesday, March 3**

Bible Study – 9 a.m. (Parlor)

Scouts – 6 p.m. (Social Room & Classrooms)

Worship & Music – 6 p.m.

### **Wednesday, March 4**

Food Pantry – 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Lenten Soup & Service – 6 p.m.

### **Thursday, March 5**

Choir – 6 p.m.

### **Friday, March 6**

### **Saturday, March 7**

### **Sunday, March 8**

Worship – 9:00 a.m. (In-Person & Livestreamed/Recorded)

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS, UPDATES, & EVENTS**

### **2025 ANNUAL REPORT**

In case you didn't get a copy last week, there are copies available on the ushers' table in the narthex. Read through and be reminded of how the mission and Zion's purpose was carried out last year and how it hopes to be in 2026!

### **DAILY & LENTEN DEVOTIONALS**

Our Daily Bread, Christ in Our Homes, and Lenten devotionals can be found on the ushers' table and on the window sill ledge in the back hallway across from the choir room. Help yourself for daily and seasonal reflections.

### **JOYFUL NOISE OFFERING: GLOBAL REFUGE**

This month, this social outreach special collection will go to Global Refuge to support the 85-year-old historically Lutheran organization's commitment to help newcomers not just survive, but thrive. Global Refuge focuses on refugee resettlement, welcome and respite for immigrants, and family reunification and foster care. The organization also calls for action on climate disaster displacement and launching lending, career placement, and other innovative initiatives focused on involvement and empowerment.

### **CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL**

All children are invited to go with their teachers after the Children's Chat for Sunday School. Class will be held each Sunday at this time during the service.

### **BIBLE STUDY**

The weekly Bible Study meets on Tuesdays at 9 a.m. in the parlor and focuses on the scriptures and their related topics. Everyone is welcome – come discover the message God has for each of us!

### **JOURNEYS: A GROUP TO SUPPORT WELLNESS**

Upcoming gatherings through the season are scheduled for: March 17, April 21, and May 19. Come on your own, or come with a friend, partner, spouse, acquaintance!

### **MEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

All men are invited to breakfast on the second Saturday of each month at 8:00 a.m. The next gathering will be on March 14 at Miss Callie's on Main St. in Landisville. Sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex. Questions about involvement in the men's fellowship? Contact Dave D. (davedumeyer@gmail.com)!

## **COMMUNITY MEAL**

Meals this spring will be held on March 12 & 26, April 9 & 23, and May 14 & 23. To help with any of these in any way, contact Mary (717-333-6173)!

## **ONLINE GIVING**

Interested in online giving? The link is on the homepage of the church website, or go directly: <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZM24/home>

## **WEDNESDAYS IN LENT**

***Lenten Fellowship with Scripture, Prayer, Song, and Conversation Around Our Questions***

### **WHEN**

March 4, March 11, March 18, and March 25 at 6:00 p.m.

### **WHERE**

Social Room

### **WHAT**

Simple Soup and Bread

*And...* Rich conversation, scripture, prayer, and song

### **WHY**

Our time together is sacred. Each disciple of Jesus at Zion is made in the image of God. We will seek to create a space where curiosity is welcomed, questions are honored, and patterns in conversation are noticed. By listening deeply, we will model for others—especially younger generations—that it is safe to ask and wonder about faith and life.



## **HOLY WEEK WORSHIP**

***Join us for worship throughout Holy Week***

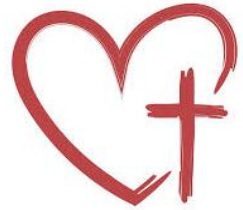
**Palm/Passion Sunday: March 29 at 9:00 a.m.**

**Maundy Thursday Worship: April 2 at 7 p.m.**

**Good Friday Worship: April 3 at 7 p.m.**

## **A Zion WOW Story: Hempfield Food Pantry Celebrates Life-Changing Success**

Zion Lutheran Church hosts the pantry with support from 17 local congregations. A man, about fifty, recently stopped by to share wonderful news—he is getting a job! After many years of struggle, Career Link helped him train at Vo-tech and earn his CDL. He will no longer need the pantry's help. His heartfelt thanks brought tears and smiles to volunteers. Joy filled the room as everyone celebrated a life transformed. It feels so good to do what matters to God!



***The pantry is truly a WOW at Zion!***

### **FROM THE PANTRY:**

***Thank you for the 43 pounds of food delivered to the pantry in January.***

***Last month, the pantry served 439 children, 762 adults, 326 seniors for a total of 1,527 people served!***

### **UPDATED FOOD PANTRY LIST OF REQUESTED ITEMS**

- |                          |                 |                               |                     |
|--------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| *Cereal                  | *Pancake mix    | *Spaghetti sauce              | *Egg Noodles        |
| *Raisins                 | *Crackers       | *Ketchup                      | *Cake mix and icing |
| *Mustard                 | *Salad dressing | *Canned peaches               | *Dried beans (bags) |
| *Cans of salmon (15 oz)  |                 | *Canned mixed fruit           |                     |
| *Canned mandarin oranges |                 | *Canned cream of chicken soup |                     |
| * No glass jars          |                 |                               |                     |

### ***A PALM/PASSION SUNDAY BREAKFAST INVITATION***

***Join us for breakfast after the service on March 29 in the social room. Pastor Beth Martini from the synod office will join us that Sunday for both worship and breakfast.***

***Enjoy the meal together and introduce yourself to Pastor Martini!***

***Thanks to the Men's Fellowship group for hosting this gathering.***

# **CHURCH EVENTS AT A GLANCE**

*Worship: Every Sunday at 9:00 a.m.*

## **MARCH**

- 4: Midweek Lenten Soup, Fellowship, & Service (6 p.m.)
- 11: Midweek Lenten Soup, Fellowship, & Service (6 p.m.)
- 12: Community Meal (5 p.m.; Social Room)
- 14: Men's Breakfast (8 a.m.; Restaurant TBD)
- 15: Elizabethtown College Choir Performance (During Worship)
- 17: Journeys Wellness Group (6:30 p.m.; Parlor)
- 18: Midweek Lenten Soup, Fellowship, & Service (6 p.m.)
- 21: Social Room Reserved
- 25: Midweek Lenten Soup, Fellowship, & Service (6 p.m.)
- 26: Community Meal (5 p.m.; Social Room)
- 27: Pinewood Derby Set-up (Tentative) (Social Room reserved)
- 28: Pinewood Derby (Tentative) (Social Room reserved all day)
- 29: Palm/Passion Sunday Worship (9 a.m.)

## **APRIL**

- 2: Maundy Thursday Worship (7 p.m.; Sanctuary)
- 3: Good Friday Worship (7 p.m.; Sanctuary)
- 5: Easter Sunday Worship (9 a.m.; Sanctuary)
- 9: Community Meal (5 p.m.; Social Room)
- 11: Men's Breakfast (8 a.m.; Restaurant TBD)
- 21: Journeys Wellness Group (6:30 p.m.; Parlor)
- 23: Community Meal (5 p.m.; Social Room)

## **MAY**

- 2: Lancaster Liederkrantz Concert (4 p.m.; Sanctuary)
- 9: Men's Breakfast (8 a.m.; Restaurant TBD)
- 14: Community Meal (5 p.m.; Social Room)
- 14: Landisville Area Church Choir Festival (7 p.m.; Sanctuary)
- 19: Journeys Wellness Group (6:30 p.m.; Parlor)
- 28: Bring Your Own Lunch Picnic (11:30 a.m.; A. Herr Park)
- 28: Community Meal (5 p.m.; Social Room)

## **GENEROSITY TEAM'S CONDENSED FINANCIAL REPORT**

**JANUARY 2026**

<b><u>Expenses</u></b>	<b><u>End of Month</u></b>
<b>Salaries and Benefits</b>	<b>\$16,987</b>
<b>Administration</b>	<b>\$3,497</b>
<b>Property</b>	<b>\$17,631</b>
<b>Stewardship</b>	<b>\$2,750</b>
<b>Worship and Music and other ministry teams</b>	<b>\$1,123</b>
<b><u>Total expenses</u></b>	<b>\$41,988</b>
<b><u>Income</u></b>	
<b>Offerings and Special Giving</b>	<b>\$23,948</b>
<b>Other</b>	<b>\$1,831</b>
<b><u>Total Income</u></b>	<b>\$25,779</b>
<b><u>Difference between Expenses &amp; Income</u></b>	<b>(\$16,209)</b>

*Thank you to Al Ramer and the Finance and Generosity Teams for their collaboration and creation of this monthly report of the church's financial stewardship.*

# ***PRAYER LIST***

## ***HEALING***

Joan & Burnell Hostetter	Joan Mays	Janet Musselman	Jess Barcaro
Al & Connie Alsedek	Kathryn Kochel	Kay Crawford	John Gerlach
Bill & Julia Grove	Holly Hoover	Deb Overly	Dave Wise
Tom Grzybowski	Bob Shirk	Sam King	Kate Donnan
Judie Ingersoll	Barb Williams	Dave Wauls	
Tina Weigner (Friend of Adele King)		Jack Taylor (Son of Deb Grube's niece)	
Lissa James (Niece of Connie Alsedek)		Fred Boyle (Friend of Bob & Judy Traup)	
Arabelle Page (Student of Amy Thompson)		Joanne Myers (Friend of Connie Alsedek)	
Dennis Barcaro (Jess Barcaro's father-in-law)			
Bob Hobaugh (Friend of Deb & Rick Long)			
Mike LaFata (Son-in-law of Bill & Julia Grove)			
Angie Immel (Step-Granddaughter of Bob & Judy Traup)			
Zac & Cindy Zibura (Neighbor of John & Joanne Marrs)			
Harmony & Family (Friends of Kim & Jim Paternoster)			
Kara Escalante (Goddaughter of Barb & Tom Williams)			
James Marks (Nephew of Dennis & Marie Dezort)			

## ***COMFORT, PEACE, STRENGTH, & SAFETY***

Lucy Davis	Bill Piper	Arlene Wise (Sister-in-law of Dave Wise)
Dave Aulenbach and his family		Brooke Ross (Friend of Barb Williams)
Jennifer Kready (Daughter of Dave & Donna Dumeyer)		

## ***PROTECTION FOR MILITARY & FIRST RESPONDERS***

Doug Kautter	Chris Andrew	Evan Benedict	Justin Gorlaski
Thom Whitesel	Christopher Wright		
Benjamin Hansen (Grandson of Al & Connie Alsedek and son of Holly)			
David Adams (Son-in-law of John & Kathleen Hay; husband of Liz)			

## ***WIDER CHURCH***

Masebe congregation	Konde Diocese	Stephen Herr (Bishop, LSS)
Pastor Subi Mwakitalima	Pastor Lucille ("CeCee") Mills (Secretary, ELCA)	
Yehiel Curry (Presiding Bishop, ELCA)		
Geoffrey Samuel Mwaihaba (Bishop, Konde Diocese)		
Imran M. Siddiqui (Vice President of the ELCA)		

## ***CELEBRATING***

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

3<sup>rd</sup>: Rick Rainar

4<sup>th</sup>: Connie Alsedek, Andrew Bernhard

7<sup>th</sup>: John Hay

## MINISTRY LEADERS

Ministers  
Pastor  
Music Director  
Parish Administrator  
Worship Presentation Coordinator  
Lay Ministry Assistant  
Council President  
Council Vice President  
Sexton

Members of the Congregation  
Rev. Timothy Seitz-Brown  
John Landis  
Anne Rankin  
Sarah Chapman  
Diane Gerlach  
Kim Paternoster  
Denise Haun  
Tom Miller

## WORSHIP, SUNDAY SCHOOL, & CONTACT INFORMATION

Worship Sundays @ 9:00 a.m.  
Livestream Link: [https://www.youtube.com/@zelc\\_landisvillepa7249](https://www.youtube.com/@zelc_landisvillepa7249)  
Bible Study Class (Parlor) Sundays @ 10:30 a.m.  
Wired Word Class (Zone & Zoom) Sundays @ 10:30 a.m.  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2283229266>  
Children's Class Sundays: Start in service, then excused until communion  
Morning Bible Study Tuesdays @ 9:00 a.m.  
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