

**Fourth Sunday in Lent**  
*A Service of Word & Sacrament*  
*March 15, 2026*



Lord,  
I believe

JOHN 9:38

**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.

### **THIS MORNING WE WELCOME ...**

#### **The Fenice Choir From Elizabethtown College**

*Fenice is a gender-inclusive treble choir at Elizabethtown College and is open to any member of the student body by audition. Literature performed may include works from the standard choral repertoire, contemporary selections, and music of varying cultures and periods. Under its conductor, Michael McCarthy, Fenice is delighted to return to Zion Lutheran Church to help lead worship during the Lenten journey.*

#### **Michael Groff as Guest Organist**

*Michael is a former student of Dennis Dezort and has played at Zion in the past. It is always a treat to have Michael return to share his gift of music.*

## **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.

# Fourth Sunday in Lent

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

## † THE GATHERING †

### ORGAN PRELUDE

### INTRODUCTION

*Please recite responsively*

#### *GATHERING*

P: God calls us from the shadows of exclusion.

C: **We come carrying our lives, longing to see through the eyes of Jesus.**

God invites even those the world tells us to leave out.

**We come because we are invited.**

#### *WORD*

God speaks a living Word.

**We listen.**

Sin is more than what is wrong inside us.

**It is the blindness that turns neighbors into outsiders.**

Christ opens our eyes and calls us into the light.

**We see God's steadfast love at work.**

#### *MEAL*

God feeds us with bread and cup.

**Christ gives himself for all.**

At this table, strangers become neighbors and outsiders become siblings.

**Grace becomes something we can live.**

#### *SENDING*

God sends us into the world.

**Not empty handed, not alone.**

We go to widen the table, to share light and mercy.

**We will go to love, serve, and make room for others.**

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CHORAL PRELUDE      *The Song That I Came to Sing*      Craig Hella Johnson

*The song that I came to sing remains unsung to this day. I have spent my days in stringing and in unstringing my instrument. The time has not come true, the words have not been rightly set; only there is the agony of wishing in my heart. The blossom has not opened; only the wind is sighing by. I have not seen his face, nor have I listened to his voice; only I have heard his gentle footsteps from the road before my house'. The livelong day has passed in spreading his seat on the floor; but the lamp has not been lit and I cannot ask him into my house. I live in the hope of meeting with him; but this meeting is not yet.*

*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 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.**

**GATHERING HYMN**

*Beautiful Savior*

**ELW 838**

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,  
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,  
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,  
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man!  
robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;  
bright the spar - kling stars on high;  
Son of God and Son of Man!

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has four vocal parts (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: 1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion, 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands, 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light, 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions, The second system continues the melody and accompaniment with the lyrics: Son of God and Son of Man! robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring; bright the spar - kling stars on high; Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,  
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,  
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,  
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.  
 than all the an - gels in the sky.  
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904  
 Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

## 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: 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.
- C: **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## † THE WORD †

### 1 SAMUEL 16:1-13

*David is chosen and anointed.*

A: <sup>1</sup> The Lord said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.”<sup>2</sup> Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the Lord said, “Take a heifer with you and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.’”<sup>3</sup> Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do, and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.”<sup>4</sup> Samuel did what the Lord commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, “Do you come peaceably?”<sup>5</sup> He said, “Peaceably. I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

<sup>6</sup> When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely his anointed is now before the Lord.”<sup>7</sup> But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him, for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.”<sup>8</sup> Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.”<sup>9</sup> Then Jesse made Shammah pass by.

And he said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.”<sup>10</sup> Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The Lord has not chosen any of these.”<sup>11</sup> Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him, for we will not sit down until he comes here.”<sup>12</sup> He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. The Lord said, “Rise and anoint him, for this is the one.”<sup>13</sup> Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 121

*Please recite responsively.*

A: <sup>1</sup>The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

**<sup>2</sup>The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.**

<sup>3</sup>You restore my soul, O Lord, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

**<sup>4</sup>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.**

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

**<sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

## EPHESIANS 5:8-14

*Awake from sleep, live as children of light.*

A: <sup>8</sup>Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Walk as children of light, <sup>9</sup>for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. <sup>10</sup>Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness; rather, expose them. <sup>12</sup>For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly, <sup>13</sup>but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, <sup>14</sup>for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## SPECIAL MUSIC

*The Lord is my Shepherd*

**Kenneth Leighton**

*The Lord is my Shepherd; therefore, can I lack nothing. He shall feed me in a green pasture and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort. He shall convert my soul and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.*

*Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for thou art with me, thy rod and thy staff comfort me. But thy loving kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

## ***Song of Wisdom***

**Charles Villiers Stanford**

*I came forth from the mouth of the most high,  
and covered the earth as a mist;  
I dwelt in high places,  
and my throne is in the pillar of the cloud.*

*Alone I compassed the circuit of heav'n,  
and walked in the depth of the abyss  
In the waves of the sea and in all the earth  
and in every people and nation,  
I got a possession; with all these I sought rest:  
And I took root in a people that was glorified,  
In the portion of the Lord's own inheritance.*

*I was exalted like a cedar in Libanus,  
And as a cypress on the mountains of Hermon:  
I was exalted like a palm tree on the sea shore,  
And as a fair olive tree in the plain.*

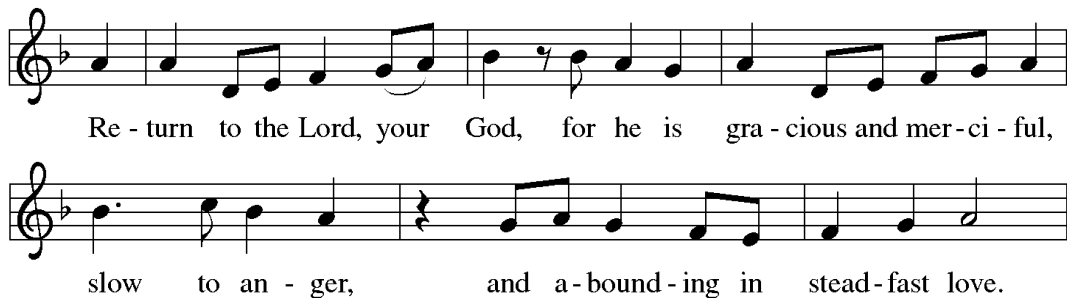
*And my branches are branches of glory and grace,  
And my flow'rs are the fruit of glory and riches.  
Come unto me, Ye that are desirous of me  
and be ye filled with my fruits.*

*And I came out as a stream from a river,  
I said I will water my garden,  
And will water abundantly my garden bed,  
And lo, my stream became a river  
and my river became the sea,  
For my thoughts are filled from the sea  
and my counsels from the great deep.*

## **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 9:1-41

*Baptismal image: the man born blind.*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

P: <sup>1</sup> As [Jesus] walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup> His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. <sup>4</sup> We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. <sup>5</sup> As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” <sup>6</sup> When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, <sup>7</sup> saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. <sup>8</sup> The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” <sup>9</sup> Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am he.” <sup>10</sup> But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” <sup>11</sup> He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” <sup>12</sup> They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

<sup>13</sup> They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. <sup>14</sup> Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. <sup>15</sup> Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.” <sup>16</sup> Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the Sabbath.”

Others said, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided. <sup>17</sup> So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” He said, “He is a prophet.”

<sup>18</sup> The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight <sup>19</sup> and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?”

<sup>20</sup> His parents answered, “We know that this is our son and that he was born blind, <sup>21</sup> but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” <sup>22</sup> His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue.

<sup>23</sup> Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

<sup>24</sup> So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.” <sup>25</sup> He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” <sup>26</sup> They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” <sup>27</sup> He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?”

<sup>28</sup> Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. <sup>29</sup> We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” <sup>30</sup> The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. <sup>31</sup> We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. <sup>32</sup> Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. <sup>33</sup> If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” <sup>34</sup> They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out.

<sup>35</sup> Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” <sup>36</sup> He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” <sup>37</sup> Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” <sup>38</sup> He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him.

<sup>39</sup> Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see may see and those who do see may become blind.” <sup>40</sup> Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?”

<sup>41</sup> Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

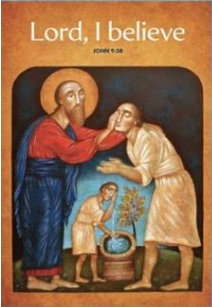
The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

## MESSAGE

Pastor Tim Seitz-Brown



**A brother came to Abba Moses and said, “Father, other monks say that Brother Philip has been teaching false doctrine. They are very agitated, and they want you to condemn him. What should I do? Should I join them?”**

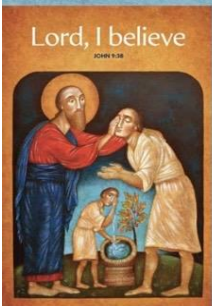
**The old man was silent for a long time. Then he said, “Tell me. Has Brother Philip ever given you water when you were thirsty?”**

**The brother said, “Yes, father. Many times.”**

**Abba Moses said, “And when he gave you water, was it clean?”**

**The brother answered, “It was.”**

**The old man said, “Then drink and leave the arguing to those who are not thirsty.”**



**The brother went away troubled and came back the next day. He asked, “But father, what if they expel him? What if they expel me for not joining them?”**

**Abba Moses looked at him with something that was not quite a smile, “Brother, they can only expel you from their argument. They cannot expel you from their thirst. And they certainly cannot expel you from the One who gives water.”**

***The blind man would have understood immediately. The parents of the blind man, and the disciples too, needed to hear this.***

*Please stand if you are able.*

1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that  
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his  
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me  
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found; was blind, but now I see.  
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5

Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1851–1921, alt.

## 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.*

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

**Your mercy is great.**

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.**

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.**

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.**

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.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

P: 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.**

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, and for calling it good.

Praise to you for anointing the unexpected and overlooked with your power and insight.

Praise to you for choosing the shepherd boy, the one human judgment had set aside.

Praise to you for seeing not as mortals see, but for looking upon the heart with compassion.

Praise to you for being our Shepherd through the darkest valley, for leading us beside still waters, for setting a table before us in the presence of our enemies.

Praise to you for Jesus, your Anointed One, who opened the eyes of those born blind and exposed the lie that someone must be to blame.

In him you reveal how we use enemies as the glue that binds us together, needing someone to be against to know who we are. In Christ you take away this crutch and give us something better: not a common enemy, but a common table.

Praise to you for Christ, numbered among the condemned, yet raised in vindication, your life overcoming our violence.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations, awakening sleepers, raising the dead, shining on all in darkness.

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.

As once you sent your Son to a hidden field in Bethlehem, a king born to conquer not by sword but by love, come now to this table and make yourself known to us in him.

Open our eyes as you opened the eyes of the one born blind, that we may behold your glory and cry out,  
**Lord, I believe.**

Raise us up as the body of Christ. Send us forth as children of light, burning with healing justice, peace, and love. With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, 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 or singing until all worshippers have communed and have returned to their seats.*

## COMMUNION SONGS

### *Lamb of God*



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.

### *Let Us Break Bread Together*

ELW 471

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;  
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;  
3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;



let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.  
 let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.  
 let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

*Refrain*

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing  
 sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.  
 me.

Text: African American spiritual  
 Music: BREAK BREAD TOGETHER, African American spiritual

*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**

*Be Thou My Vision*

ELW 793



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.

## DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Believe the good news.

C” Thanks be to God.

## MUSICAL BENEDICTION

### *Saints Bound in Heaven*

Alice Parker

*1. Our bondage it shall end,  
By and by, by and by;  
Our bondage here shall end, by and by;  
From Egypt's yoke set free,  
Hail the glorious jubilee,  
And to Canaan we'll return,  
By and by, by and by,  
And to Canaan we'll return by and by.*

*2. Our Deliverer will come,  
By and by, by and by;  
Our Deliverer will come, by and by;  
And our sorrows have an end,  
With our threescore years and ten,  
And vast glory crown the day,  
By and by, by and by,  
And vast glory crown the day, by and by.*

*3. Then with all the happy throng,  
We'll rejoice, we'll rejoice;  
Then with all the happy throng, we'll rejoice;  
Shouting glory to our King,  
Till the vaults of heav'n ring,  
And thro' all eternity,  
We'll rejoice, we'll rejoice,  
And thro' all eternity, we'll rejoice.*

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***Easter Flower Sponsor Forms are available on the ushers' table in the  
narthex and on the window ledge in the back hallway.  
Cost is \$10/plant and the deadline to submit forms is Monday, March 30.***

## THIS WEEK AT ZION

**Sunday, March 15** – *Welcome Elizabethtown College's Fenice Choir for special music and Michael Groff as guest organist.*

- \* *The altar flowers are sponsored by Cathy Shirk in honor of her dad's 96<sup>th</sup> birthday!*
- \* *The bulletins are sponsored by Janet Musselman in loving memory of Harry.*
- \* *The communion elements are sponsored by Kurt and Nicole Wildasin in memory of Barb on the anniversary of her death on March 14.*

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

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIy\\_3AeK\\_pExuVhcUfi2cSw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIy_3AeK_pExuVhcUfi2cSw)

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 16**

Food Pantry – 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Council – 7 p.m. (Zone)

**Tuesday, March 17**

Bible Study – 9 a.m. (Parlor)

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

Journeys Wellness Group – 6:30 p.m. (Parlor)

**Wednesday, March 18**

Food Pantry – 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Care Team – 3:15 p.m.

Zion Arts – 6 p.m. (During the Lenten Gathering meal in Social Room)

Lenten Soup & Service – 6 p.m.(Social Room)

**Thursday, March 19**

Choir – 6 p.m.

**Friday, March 20**

**Saturday, March 21**

**Sunday, March 22**

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

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIy\\_3AeK\\_pExuVhcUfi2cSw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIy_3AeK_pExuVhcUfi2cSw)

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS, UPDATES, & EVENTS

### **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. come discover the message God has for each of us!

### **COMFORTER MINISTRY**

Donations of clean sheets are needed! Please place them in the bins in the narthex!

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

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

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

*Spaghetti	*Spaghetti sauce	*Strawberry jelly	*Canned peaches
*Canned red beets	*Canned peaches	*Canned pears	*Cereal
*Elbow pasta	*Canned mixed fruit	*Canned mixed vegetables	
*Canned vegetable soup		*Canned cream of chicken soup	
*Canned mandarin oranges		*2-lb bags white rice	
*No corn; No greens; No glass jars		<b><i>The pantry is grateful for all donations!</i></b>	

# RECENT FELLOWSHIP PSU Basketball Game Outing



## UPCOMING MEN'S FELLOWSHIP GATHERINGS

### Second Saturday Breakfasts

Next up: Saturday, April 11  
at 8:00 a.m.

**Where?** TBD! Stay tuned...will be announced next week!

**Who?** All men

*Sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex. Questions about involvement in the men's fellowship? Contact Dave D. (davedumeyer@gmail.com).*

## UPDATED DIRECTORY

A copy of the directory is on the ushers' table by the sanctuary entrance. Please check your listing and mark any changes. *Please do not remove the directory from the table!*

## COMMUNITY MEAL

Meals this spring will be held on March 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://myvanco.vancopayments.com/secure/vanco\\_login.html](https://myvanco.vancopayments.com/secure/vanco_login.html)

## JOYFUL NOISE THANK YOU LETTERS

### ...from DAY OF SMILES 😊

Dear Randy, Members of the Outreach Team, and Members of Zion,  
Thank you so much for your continued and generous support of our Day of Smiles. Day of Smiles 2026 marks the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our special day of giving in memory of our sweet Erin and Max. Your generous donation of \$500 to Clare House will definitely make a difference in the lives of young women and children in our community. We raised a record-breaking total of \$29,691 for the good of our community this year. Erin and Max are smiling down on you and all of our donors from their lovely place in heaven. Thank you! Sincerely, Jane and Steve McCartney

### ...from CLARE HOUSE

Dear Randy and the members of Zion Lutheran Church,  
Thank you so much for your generous donation during the Day of Smiles. Your support to our mission is greatly appreciated.

## **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.*

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## WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

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

### UPCOMING DATES

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.**

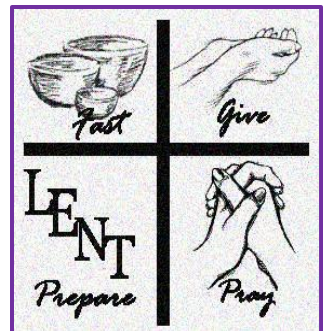
**Maundy Thursday Worship: April 2 at 7 p.m.**

### **CROSSES FOR LENT**

You are invited to bring crosses from your home to display on the window sills in the sanctuary during the season of Lent.

You may display them on one Sunday or you may leave them until Psalm Sunday (March 29).

As the children learned in the Children's Chat, crosses come in all shapes, sizes, and materials so however yours is will be a nice addition to the display.



# **CHURCH EVENTS AT A GLANCE**

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

## **MARCH**

- 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)

## **JUNE**

- 5: Sanctuary and Narthex Reserved (4-8 p.m.)
- 25: Bring Your Own Lunch Picnic (11:30 a.m.; Rapho Twp. Park)

## **JULY**

- 30: Bring Your Own Lunch Picnic (11:30 a.m.; Salunga Park)

## **AUGUST**

- 27: Bring Your Own Lunch Picnic (11:30 a.m.; Rapho Twp. Park)



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Spring Equinox Campfire

Music, poetry, and sing-along

Friday, March 20th, 7:00 pm

To Register: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0949A9A72EA7FB6-61294950-wittel#/>



Earth Day  
Celebration 2026

Sunday, April 19, 2026 • 2-6pm  
Kirchenwald

Enjoy an afternoon of environmental activities, games, and crafts at one of your favorites places within God's creation: CAMP! An evening meal is included in the \$15 fee.

All ages welcome.

RSVP to 717-677-8211 or [www.LutheranCamping.org](http://www.LutheranCamping.org) by April 10



## EVENTS SPONSORED BY THE PARISH RESOURCE CENTER

For more info and to register: 717-299-1113

<https://connectprc.org/about/>

March 23, 7:00-8:30 pm, In-Person

### Disagreeing Better

Led by Braver Angels, this workshop will equip participants with essential skills for communicating across differences and finding common ground.



Nita Landis

Come to learn  
and to join the  
discussion!



Melissa Gizzi

## DISAGREEING BETTER

**March 23, 7-8:30p**

Political differences can often feel insurmountable and exhausting, especially when they are between friends and relatives. This workshop builds on our Relationships and Politics workshop, and will cover the essential skills for communicating across differences, sharing viewpoints, how to listen so other people feel heard, and finding common ground.

It will be led by Braver Angels, one of the nation's largest, cross-partisan, volunteer-led movements that are working to bridge the partisan divide.

***PRAYER LIST***  
***HEALING***

Janet Musselman	Joan Mays	Joan & Burnell Hostetter
Jess Barcaro	Kathryn Kochel	Al & Connie Alsedek
Kay Crawford	John Gerlach	Bill & Julia Grove
Holly Hoover	Deb Overly	Tom Grzybowski
Dave Wise	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)
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 Gorklaski
Thom Whitesel	Christopher Wright	Tyler Baldwin (Friend of Barb Williams)	
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!**

17<sup>th</sup>: Devin Andrew

21<sup>st</sup>: Chloe Traup

## 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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