

# FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

*A Service of Word & Sacrament*

*March 17, 2024*



## 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 in-person or online today! For in-person worshippers, all words and parts of the service will be projected on the screen in the front of the sanctuary. If you prefer a printed bulletin, they are available on the table in the narthex by the entrance to the sanctuary. The service contains the four parts of the Lutheran liturgy (The Gathering, The Word, The Meal, and The Sending). 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:** Indoor worship services are live-streamed on the church YouTube channel: [http://bit.ly/Zion\\_Live](http://bit.ly/Zion_Live). If you are unable or prefer not to watch during the live-stream, the recording is available to view any time after the service concludes. When the service is held outdoors, there will be no live-stream.

## **FOR THOSE WORSHIPPING IN-PERSON**

- ❖ 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. Currently, nursery care is not available but you may use the parlor as a cry 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.

# Fifth Sunday in Lent

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

## † THE GATHERING †

### INTRODUCTION

*God promises Jeremiah that a “new covenant” will be made in the future: a covenant that will allow all the people to know God by heart. The church sees this promise fulfilled in Christ, who draws all people to himself when he is lifted up on the cross. Our baptismal covenant draws us to God’s heart through Christ and draws God’s love and truth into our hearts. We join together in worship, sharing in word, song, and meal, and leave strengthened to share God’s love with all the world.*

### WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & GOD-SIGHTINGS

### PRELUDE

*Prelude on “Maryton”*

*Please stand if you are able.*

### HYMN

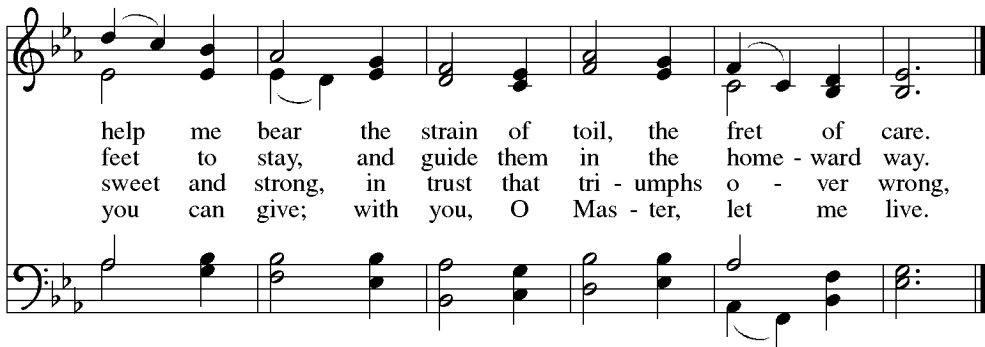
*O Master, Let Me Walk with You*

**ELW 818**

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with you in low - ly  
2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,  
3 Teach me your pa - tience; share with me a clos - er,  
4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the

paths of ser - vice true; tell me your se - cret;  
win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward  
dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith  
fu - ture's broad - 'ning way, in peace that on - ly





Text: Washington Gladden, 1836–1918, alt.  
 Music: MARYTON, H. Percy Smith, 1825–1898

## 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 writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus.

C: **Amen.**

P: Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for reflection.*

P: Holy God,

C: **we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free.**

**We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold. We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up. We keep score in our hearts. We let hurts grow into hatred. For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord. Amen.**

P: Here is a flood of grace: Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life through ✠ Jesus Christ.

C: **Amen.**

# KYRIE



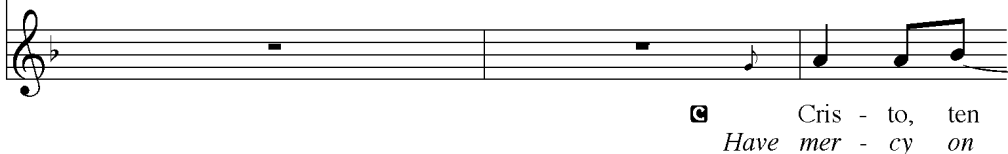
A Se - ñor, ten pie-dad.  
 Lord, have mer - cy. Have



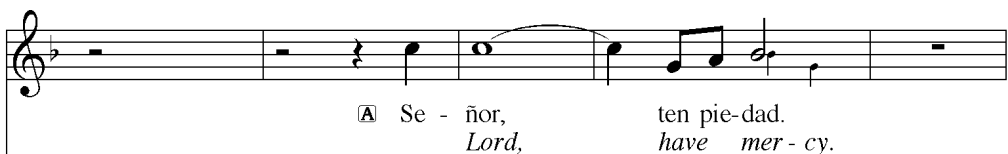
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 Lord, have mer - cy.



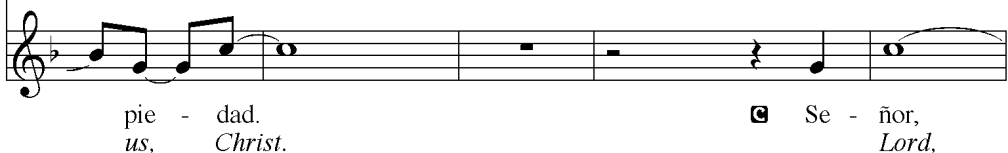
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 mer - cy on us, Christ.



B Cris - to, ten  
 Have mer - cy on



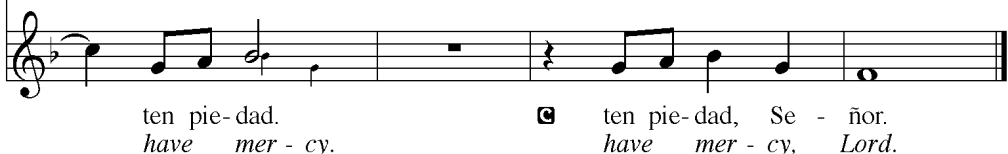
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 us, Christ. B Se - ñor,  
 Lord,



A Se - ñor, ten pie-dad, Se - ñor.  
 Lord, have mer - cy, Lord.



ten pie-dad.  
 have mer - cy. B ten pie-dad, Se - ñor.  
 have mer - cy, Lord.

## **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:** Let us pray. O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in 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 †**

### **JEREMIAH 31:31-34**

*A new covenant written on the heart.*

**A:** <sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Word of God. Word of Life.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM 51:1-12**

*Please read responsively.*

**A:** <sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

**C:** <sup>2</sup>**Wash me through and through from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin.**

<sup>3</sup>For I know | my offenses, and my sin is ever before me.

<sup>4</sup>**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.**

<sup>5</sup>Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness, a sinner from my mother's womb.

<sup>6</sup>**Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me, and would have me know wisdom deep within.**

<sup>7</sup>Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

<sup>8</sup>**Let me hear joy and gladness; that the body you have broken may rejoice.**

<sup>9</sup>Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my wickedness.

<sup>10</sup>**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

<sup>11</sup>Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

<sup>12</sup>**Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**

## **HEBREWS 5:5-10**

*Through suffering Christ becomes the source of salvation.*

A: <sup>5</sup>Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you";  
<sup>6</sup>as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

<sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; <sup>9</sup>and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Word of God. Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM**

*My Lord, My Master*

*Please stand if you are able.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION      *Create in Me a Clean Heart*****BB 61**

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
And renew a right spirit within me. *Repeat.*

Cast me not away from your presence, O Lord,  
And take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me, the joy of your salvation,  
And renew a right spirit within me.

**JOHN 12:20-33**

*The grain of wheat dying in the earth.*

**P:**      The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C:**      **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**P:**      [<sup>20</sup>Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup>They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” <sup>22</sup>Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup>Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup>Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup>Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

<sup>27</sup>“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup>Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” <sup>29</sup>The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” <sup>30</sup>Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. <sup>31</sup>Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. <sup>32</sup>And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” <sup>33</sup>He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.



The Gospel of the Lord.  
**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

## MESSAGE

**Pastor Timothy Seitz-Brown**


On Saint Patrick's Day, here's to the God who makes covenants...

Cheers!



an Irish Blessing:  
"May those who love us love us.  
As for those who don't love us, may God turn their hearts.  
And if He can't turn their hearts, may He turn their ankles, so we'll know them by their limping."





Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain

**"Relentless Love of God"**

**Greatest Hits**

**Genesis 9=** The Creator makes a covenant with Noah and every living creature to seek the well-being of all.

**Genesis 17=** The Creator makes a covenant with Abraham and Sarah, blessing them to become a blessing to the world.

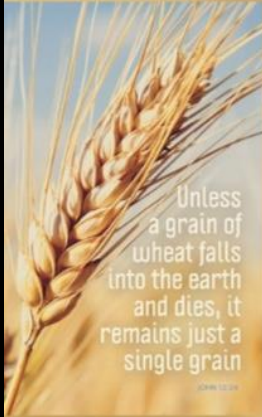
**Exodus 20=** A nation of former slaves is called by the Creator to be a treasure to the world through treasuring one another.

**Numbers 21=** Look at the serpent (see your back-biting one another) and move into living Another, More Beautiful Way.

**Jeremiah 31 and Psalm 51=** I will write my Message and imprint my More Beautiful Way upon your hearts!

**John 12=** the True Human Being will draw all people to himself!

*We become like the God (of relentless love) we adore.*



Glorify your name= making Abba's name desirable

Jesus has glorified Abba's name= water into wine, the raising of Lazarus, the feeding of the 5,000, his healing relationship with the Samaritan woman, and more...

How Jesus continues to glorify Abba's name= through the transformation of the pain of his crucifixion into compassion

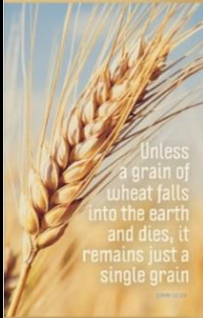
God's "glory"  
is  
"Relentless Love"!

*We become like the God (of relentless love) we adore.*



Trick question:  
Was Saint Patrick "Irish"?

The Passion of  
Saints Perpetua  
and Felicity



How does this kind of witness happen?

1. There had role models who embodied the Way.
2. They had phrases they memorized and regularly repeated.
3. They underwent intense training and preparation.
4. They had embodied habits formed in worship, for example, the "kiss of peace."

*We become like the God (of relentless love) we adore.*

*Please stand if you are able.*

## HYMN

## *Now the Green Blade Rises*

ELW 379



1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,  
 2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,  
 3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,  
 4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;  
 think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,  
 he that for three days in the grave had lain;  
 your touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;  
 laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;  
 raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;  
 fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;



love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

## 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: Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need. God of the covenant, through the church you draw us into community. With the churches of the Lutheran World Federation, we give thanks for the means of grace around which we gather. Inspire writers, musicians, and artists whose creative gifts adorn our worship. Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

God of all that exists, you lavish the earth with extravagant beauty. Preserve the rich and complex diversity of living things. Support local, national, and international efforts to protect the environment for future generations, especially the farmlands of Lancaster County. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of the nations, you desire peace and plenty for all people. Defend those who challenge oppression and expose corruption. Support advocates for human rights, social justice, and the welfare of children. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of good will, you restore what is broken. We pray for any experiencing estrangement, conflict, or abuse in families and intimate relationships. Protect and comfort all who are vulnerable, especially those living in institutions. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of every time and place, you are with us. Support ministries of prayer and presence in this congregation, especially the Care and Social Outreach teams. Move us to reach out to any who are homebound, lonely, grieving, in treatment, or ill. Hear us, O God.  
**Your mercy is great.**

God of promise, we give thanks for the saints whose faith inspires us. Grant us faith to trust in your everlasting love. Hear us, O God.  
**Your mercy is great.**

*Additional prayers may be lifted up by the congregation and/or pastor.*

P: Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
C: **Amen.**

### **THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you.  
C: **And also with you.**

### **† THE MEAL †**

### **PRAYER**

A: Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name.  
C: **Amen.**

### **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER & WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

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:

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

**P:** 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.

**C: Come, Holy Spirit.**

**P:** 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.

**C: Come, Holy Spirit.**

**P:** With 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.

**C: 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:** Bread for the journey. A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

*Please be seated.*

## **PARTAKING IN THE BREAD AND CUP OF SALVATION**

*All baptized Christians are welcome to partake of the Holy Sacrament by coming forward to receive the elements. Those who do not or choose not to partake of the sacrament may come forward and receive a blessing. If you are unable to come forward, please let one of the ushers know and the pastor will come to you.*

*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 giving 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 join in singing the communion songs until all worshippers have communed and have returned to their seats.*

## **COMMUNION SONGS**

### ***Glorify Thy Name***

**BB 57**

1. Father, we love you,  
We worship and adore you,  
Glorify thy name in all the earth.  
Glorify thy name, glorify thy name,  
Glorify thy name in all the earth.

2. Jesus, we love you,  
We worship and adore you,  
Glorify thy name in all the earth.  
Glorify thy name, glorify thy name,  
Glorify thy name in all the earth.

3. Spirit, we love you,  
We worship and adore you,  
Glorify thy name in all the earth.  
Glorify thy name, glorify thy name,  
Glorify thy name in all the earth.

*Prayer of St Francis*

**BB 124**

1. Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there is hatred let me bring your love.  
Where there is injury your pardon, Lord,  
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.

2. Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there's despair in life let me bring hope.  
Where there is darkness, only light,  
And where there's sadness, ever joy.

*Bridge*

O Master, grant that I may never seek  
So much to be consoled as to console.  
To be understood as to understand.  
To be loved, as to love with all my soul.

3. Make me a channel of your peace.  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
In giving of ourselves that we receive,  
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

*Seek Ye First*

**BB 92**

1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God,  
And His righteousness,  
And all these things shall be added unto you –  
Al-le-lu, alleluia.

2. Man shall not live by bread alone  
But by ev'ry word  
That proceeds from the mouth of God –  
Al-le-lu, alleluia.

3. Ask and it shall be given unto you,  
Seek and ye shall find,  
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you –  
Al-le-lu, alleluia.



*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: Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.

C: **Amen.**

## † THE SENDING †

## BLESSING

P: Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and ☩ give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

## SENDING SONG

### *My Song Is Love Unknown*

1 My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to  
2 He came from heav - en's throne sal - va - tion to be -  
3 Some - times we strew his way, and his sweet prais - es  
4 Un - heed - ing, we will have our dear Lord made a -  
5 Here might I stay and sing, no sto - ry so di -

me, love to the love - less shown that they might love - ly  
stow; the world that was his own would not its Sav - ior  
sing, re - sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to our  
way, a mur - der - er to save, the prince of life to  
vine: nev - er was love, dear King, nev - er was grief like





be. O who am I that for my sake my  
know. But O my Friend, my Friend in - deed, who  
King. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" is all our breath, and  
slay. Yet stead - fast he to suf - fering goes, that  
thine. This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise I

Lord should take frail flesh, and die?  
at my need his life did spend!  
for his death we thirst and cry.  
he his foes from thence might free.  
all my days could glad - ly spend.

## DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Share your bread.

C: Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

### *Postlude on "Love Unknown"*



## **THIS WEEK AT ZION**

### **Sunday, March 17 – *Happy St. Patrick's Day!***

*\* The altar flowers are sponsored by Dave and Dottie Wauls in celebration of the St. Patrick's Day birthday of Dottie's mother, Dorothy Sellers!*

*\* The red rose is in celebration of the birth of Cullen Michael Sperry, son of Kristen and Nick and grandson of Denise and Steve Haun!*

*\* The bulletins are sponsored by John and Patsy Hinkle in honor of the birthdays of their granddaughter Jill and their great-grandsons Hayes and Grayson!*

*\* The communion elements are sponsored by David Albin in loving memory of his parents, Charles and Betty.*

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

Livestream/Recorded Link: [http://bit.ly/Zion\\_Live](http://bit.ly/Zion_Live)

Adult Sunday School – 10:30 a.m.

Bible Study Class – Parlor

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

Sanctuary Reserved – 3-6 p.m. (Piano Recital)

### **Monday, March 18**

Food Pantry – 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Council – 7 p.m. (Zone)

### **Tuesday March 19**

Bible Study – 9 a.m. (Parlor)

Scouts – 6:30 p.m. (Classrooms, Social Room)

### **Wednesday, March 20**

Food Pantry – 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

### **Thursday, March 21**

Choir – 6 p.m.

### **Friday, March 22**

Pinewood Derby (Set-up) – 6 p.m. (Social Room)

### **Saturday, March 23**

Pinewood Derby Event – 10 a.m.–2 p.m. (Social Room)

### **Sunday, March 24 – *Palm Sunday***

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

Livestream/Recorded Link: [http://bit.ly/Zion\\_Live](http://bit.ly/Zion_Live)

Palm Sunday Brunch – 10:30 a.m. (Social Room)

No Adult Sunday School

## ANNOUNCEMENTS, UPDATES, & EVENTS

### **PALM SUNDAY, HOLY WEEK, & EASTER SUNDAY**

- PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP: March 24 @ 9:00 a.m.
- PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH: March 24 @ 10:30 a.m.
  - *If you haven't already signed up, please do so on the bulletin board across from the mailboxes so that we know how many to expect. Contact Millie with questions (717-898-2313)!*
  - *No Sunday School.*
- MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP: March 28 @ 7 p.m.
- GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP: March 29 @ 7 p.m.
- EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP: March 31 @ 9 a.m.
  - *No Sunday School.*



### **EASTER FLOWERS**

If you would like to sponsor flowers to beautify the worship space on Easter, please complete the form inserted in your bulletin by Monday, March 25. Cost is \$10/plant.

### **FOOD PANTRY UPDATE**

Thank you for the 290 pounds of food items donated to the pantry in February. The pantry is grateful for the 46 individuals who volunteered 595 hours last month. If you are interested in donating items to the pantry, they are currently requesting: canned tuna, canned spaghetti sauce, canned tomatoes, canned red beets, pancake mix, canned chicken, cereal.



This month, contributions will go to Bridge of Hope, an organization that serves the homeless or individuals who are at risk of homelessness with rental assistance, and



and intensive case management as they work to achieve long term stability. For more information, visit: <https://lanaster.bridgeofhopeinc.org>

**SUNDAY SCHOOL: 10:15 a.m.** (No class next Sunday and Easter Sunday 3/31)

\* The Wired Word: In the Zone and on Zoom

[Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2283229266>]

\* The class that meets in the parlor is studying the "The Screwtape Letters" by C.S. Lewis. After Easter, the class will be picking up with the hit series "The Chosen."

## EMPTY PILL BOTTLE RECYCLING OUTREACH PROJECT

Bring in your empty, clean, unlabeled pill bottles and help improve health care in developing nations. Types of empty pill bottles that are being accepted include: prescription pill bottles, large and small pill bottles, pill bottles with and without child resistant caps, and over-the-counter pill bottles. Donations will be sent around the world and used to distribute medicine in sterile containers. This initiative is run by Matthew 25 Ministries. Place bottles in the bin in the narthex; contact Diane R. with questions.



*Dear Friends, Thank you for allowing us to host Jamie's Baby Shower in the Social Hall last Saturday. The beautiful room provided the perfect setting for our Big Day!! Everyone had a great time and there were no issues of any kind ... As we continue our journey, we feel more and more "at home" here at*

*Zion, thanks to the kindness extended to us by so many.*

*Gratefully yours, John and Joanne Marrs*

## SHEETS NEEDED

The Comforter Ministry is in need of clean, colorful sheets and lengths of fabric. Please place donations in the blue bin under the mailboxes.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

717-299-1113

*For more upcoming events visit:*

*<https://connectprc.org/programming/>*

### ➤ PREVENTING CAREGIVER BURNOUT

**March 21: 7:00-8:30 p.m., via Zoom**

*A recording will also be available to registrants to view at their convenience.*

*Led by Lesley Huff, Ph.D. For more info. and to register visit:*

*<https://connectprc.org/events/preventing-caregiver-burnout/>*

### ➤ SUPPORTING FAMILIES THROUGH THE CRITICAL YEARS

**April 9: 7:00-8:30 p.m., via Zoom**

*A recording will also be available to registrants to view at their convenience.*

*Led by Rebekah Good Charles & Laura Demastus. For more info. and to register, visit:*

*<https://connectprc.org/events/supporting-families/>*



The Lutheran Camping Corporation  
of Central Pennsylvania  
Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, & The Wittel Farm

## Summer Camp Open Houses: TODAY & April 14



**2-4:30 p.m. @ Kirchenwald  
and Nawakwa**

*Come meet some of the summer camp staff! Take a tour of the camp! Get a \$10 gift certificate for the camp store to new campers!*



**Dinner Church: April 7 & May 5  
5 p.m. @ The Wittel Farm**

*Dinner Church is a community gathered around a shared meal to listen, connect, sing, pray, eat, drink, and be with God in creation. Bring some food to share.*



**Earth Day Celebration: April 21  
2-6 p.m. @ Kirchenwald**

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



**Work Days: April 27 @ Nawakwa &  
May 4 @ Kirchenwald  
9 a.m.-5 p.m.**

*Help us get our sites ready for the summer season. Jobs available for all skill levels. Complimentary lunch for all volunteers.*

For more information about these or other events at Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, or The Wittel Farm, visit: <https://www.lutherancamping.org/>



*If you have ideas or are planning for anything, please let the office know so we're all kept in the loop!*

## **2024 CHURCH EVENTS AT A GLANCE**

### ***THRU THE SPRING...***

#### **March**

- 24: Palm Sunday Brunch (10:30 a.m.)  
(No Sunday School)  
28: Community Meal

#### **April**

- 11: Community Meal  
14: Hempfield Choir Concert  
25: Community Meal

#### **May**

- 4: Liederkrantz Spring Concert  
9: Community Meal  
19: Pentecost Brunch (no SS)  
23: Community Meal  
23: Choir Festival Concert

### ***SUMMER AND BEYOND...***

#### **Suggested June-August**

*(Not yet scheduled)*

- 2 outdoor worship services
- Bike/Hike on trail
- Progressive dinner
- Picnic lunches
- Open to suggestions!

#### **September**

- 8: Rally Day Catered Fellowship Luncheon (no SS)

#### **October**

- 3: Picnic at Lake Grubb  
20: Crop Walk

#### **December**

- 7: Women of Zion Advent Breakfast  
7: Liederkrantz Christmas Concert  
22: Christmas Trivia during SS hour

## ***IN CASE YOU MISSED IT LAST SUNDAY ...***

**Al Ramer shared a Temple Talk on behalf of the Stewardship Team. If you didn't hear it or need a reminder of what he mentioned, his manuscript follows:**

I'll begin by asking you to look around the sanctuary. What is different?

Nearly two years ago when we introduced the reVITALization and VITALization initiatives, we had 20 to 30 attendees. Today we typically have 60 to 80.

You first had an opportunity to recognize members who offered their time. Then many shared biographical information and talents. We had fun guessing who you were based on the information you shared. Most recently we addressed finishing 2023 strong with your treasure offerings as this year's budget was determined and approved. You now receive a monthly condensed financial report that started in September.

Bringing us to where we are today would not have been possible without each of your individual VITAL contributions of time, talent, and treasure. I want to recognize and personally thank Denise Haun, my wife Diane, Dave Wise, Dave Wauls, Randy Miller, John Hay, Phil Houseal, Lisa Nelson, Anne Rankin, and Pastor Tim for their support, ideas, and extra time commitment needed to bring us to today. We now have a solid foundation to move forward.

Today I'm introducing our next congregational initiative. The Generosity Initiative will work over the next three years to build long-term financial security and congregational growth. The two core goals are to eliminate our financial dependence on the endowment earnings and gifts and, make the community outside these walls aware of how we are changing people's lives with our support of the food pantry, the community meals, and our support of the non-profit organizations that we contribute to.

The Barna Group is a Christian research organization that provides data and insights on the trends affecting faith, culture, and ministry today. They conducted research in 2022 that showed that younger generations want to be part of groups that are having an impact changing people's life. We are doing that inside these walls with our support of the food pantry and our community meals and outside these walls with our support of local non-profit organizations. Not surprisingly, the research showed that the baby boomers don't understand what those born since 1965 view as important to their participation and giving. For many of us, that means we need to adjust our mindset. For example, just having a contemporary service or other programs we think relate to that age group will not necessarily make them want to come here. We can differentiate ourselves by demonstrating that we are a worship community that not only changes lives within these walls but, just as important to the younger generations, we are making an impact and changing lives outside these walls.



Over the next three years, if each one of us can contribute on average, \$5 or more per week, we can eliminate our dependency on earnings from our trust fund and gifts. As that happens, we can increase our support of deserving non-profits to help them help impact lives for the better. With a Faith Sharing or evangelism effort that makes known what we are doing for the greater community, we can gain the attention of younger generations to decide more readily to “Come and See” who we are and learn more about what we are doing. The goal is to add **five** new members each year.

**This will be a challenging process.** You have already shown, post Covid, the difference it makes when each of us recognizes that we are VITAL contributors as we use our time, talent and treasures given to us by God and use them in God-pleasing ways. In Matthew 19:26, Jesus looked at his disciples and said, “With human beings this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

United in Christ, we are called to love and serve.

# ***PRAYER LIST***

## ***FOR HEALING***

Dave Wauls  
Dave Wise  
Cindy Blough  
Bob Shirk  
Jess Barcaro  
Sam King  
Bill Grove  
Connie Alsedek  
Joe Adams  
Mary Zimmerman  
Marvin Ruch  
Kate Donnan  
Judie Ingersoll  
Holly Hoover  
Barb Williams  
John Hay  
Kay Crawford  
Tom Grzybowski  
Dolly Overly  
Loma Slike (Mother of Sue Wise)  
Ed Illick (Husband of Pastor Pam Illick)  
Brook Ross (Friend of Barb Williams)  
Renee Willamon (Friend of Pat Landis)  
Jeff Long (Nephew of Rick & Deb Long)  
Mike LaFata (Son-in-law of Bill & Julia Grove)  
Isaac Miller (Great nephew of Judy & Bob Traup)  
James Marks (Grandson of Thelma Pearson; Nephew of Dennis & Marie Dezort)  
Jack Taylor (4-year-old son of the niece of Deb Grube)  
Harmony & Family (Friends of Kim & Jim Paternoster)  
Rev. David Klepper (Father of Dave Klepper and friend of the congregation)

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

Thelma Pearson  
Lucy Davis  
George Potts

Ruth Burkett (Mother of Deb Long)  
Arlene Wise (Sister-in-law of Dave Wise)  
Diane Gerlach and her family on the death of her brother, Bob Steinmetz  
Cathy Shirk on the death of her friend, Tammy Jacobs  
Ed & Dotty Sites (Parents of Cathy Benedict)  
Jennifer Kready (Daughter of Dave & Donna Dumeyer)  
Peggy & Rick Dolly (Relatives of Barb Williams)

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

Evan Benedict  
Christopher Wright  
Chris Andrew  
Thom Whitesel  
Ryan Stitzel  
Doug Kautter  
Justin Gorlaski  
Tyler Duke (Great Grandson of Jan Reeves)  
Corey Landis (Nephew of Jesse & Pat Landis)  
David Adams (Son-in-law of John & Kathleen Hay, and husband of Liz)

***IN CELEBRATION & REMEMBRANCE***

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

17<sup>th</sup> – Devin Andrew  
22<sup>nd</sup> – Mary Gerlach, Ben Green  
23<sup>rd</sup> – Hannah Pipkin



**CONGRATULATIONS** to Kristen and Nick Sperry on the birth of Cullen Michael on Tuesday, March 12!

**CONDOLENCES** to the family and friends of Dick Olson who died on Sunday, March 10. At age 97, Dick was a longtime faithful member of Zion for almost 50 years.



## **MINISTRY LEADERS**

Ministers  
Pastor  
Music Director  
Parish Administrator  
Worship Technology Assistant  
Lay Ministry Assistant  
Council President  
Council Vice President  
Sextons

Members of the Congregation  
Rev. Timothy Seitz-Brown  
John Landis  
Anne Rankin  
David Albin  
Diane Gerlach  
Kim Paternoster  
Denise Haun  
Brian Bourassa (a.m.)  
Tom Miller (p.m.)

## **WORSHIP, SUNDAY SCHOOL, & CONTACT INFORMATION**

Worship	Sundays @ 9:00 a.m.
Livestream & Recorded Link	<a href="http://bit.ly/Zion_Live">http://bit.ly/Zion_Live</a>
Bible Study Class (Parlor)	Sundays @ 10:30 a.m.
	No class on 3/24 and 3/31
Wired Word Class (Zone & Zoom)	Sundays @ 10:30 a.m.
	<a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2283229266">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2283229266</a>
	No class on 3/24 and 3/31
Morning Bible Study	Tuesdays @ 9:00 a.m.
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