

# FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

*A Service of Word & Sacrament*

*March 19, 2023*



**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 on this Fourth Sunday in Lent. 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:** 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.

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

- ❖ Communion is distributed in continuous fashion or you may take one of the communion kits at the back of the Sanctuary if you prefer to commune at your seat.
- ❖ 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 and to the offering plates.
- ❖ Mask wearing is optional for all who attend or participate in indoor gatherings, including worship, at the church.

# Fourth Sunday in Lent

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

## † THE GATHERING †

### INTRODUCTION

*Baptism is sometimes called enlightenment. The gospel for this Sunday is the story of the man born blind healed by Christ. "I was blind, now I see," declares the man. In baptism God opens our eyes to see the truth of who we are: God's beloved children. As David was anointed king of Israel, in baptism God anoints our head with oil, and calls us to bear witness to the light of Christ in our daily lives.*

### WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & GOD-SIGHTINGS

### PRELUDE

*Please stand if you are able.*

### OPENING SONGS

#### *The Wonderful Cross*

**BB 13**

1. When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of Glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss,  
And pour contempt on all my pride.
2. See from His head, His hands, His feet,  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down;  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

#### *Refrain*

O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross  
Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live.  
O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross;  
All who gather here by grace draw near and bless Your name



3. Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were an off'ring far too small.  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all. *Refrain*

***By Faith***

**BB 34**

1. By faith we see the hand of God  
In the light of creation's grand design,  
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness,  
Who walk by faith and not by sight.

2. By faith our fathers roamed the earth  
With the pow'r of His promise in their hearts  
Of a holy city built by God's own hand,  
A place where peace and justice reign.

*Refrain*

We will stand as children of the promise;  
We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward.  
Till the race is finished and the work is done,  
We'll walk by faith and not by sight.

3. By faith the prophets saw a day  
When the longed-for Messiah would appear  
With the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death,  
And rise triumphant from the grave.

4. By faith the church was called to go  
In the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost,  
To deliver captives and to preach good news  
In ev'ry corner of the earth. *Refrain*

5. By faith this mountain shall be moved  
And the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail  
For we know in Christ all things are possible  
For all who call upon His name. *Refrain*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who journeys with us these forty days,  
and sustains us with the gift of grace.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us acknowledge before God and one another our need for repentance and  
God's mercy.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Holy God,

C: **we confess to you our faults and failings. Too often we neglect and do not  
trust your holy word; we take for ourselves instead of giving to others; we  
spoil rather than steward your creation; we cause hurt though you call us to  
heal; we choose fear over compassion. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, as  
we seek to follow in your way of life. Amen.**

P: Hear the good news: God so loved the world that God gave the only Son, so that  
all may receive life. This promise is for you! God embraces you with divine  
mercy, ✠ forgives you in Christ's name, and revives you in the Spirit's power.

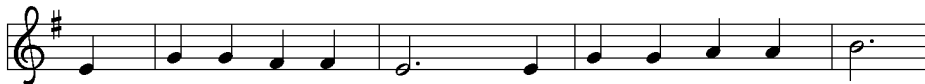
C: **Amen.**

## 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.**

## KYRIE



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.  
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.  
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

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 the LORD’s 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 23**

*Please read responsively.*

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

**C: <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. Live 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, but instead 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.**

**ANTHEM**

*A Lenten Prayer*

**David Ashley White**

## CHILDREN'S CHAT

### 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.**

<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 the man." <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." But 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, and 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.

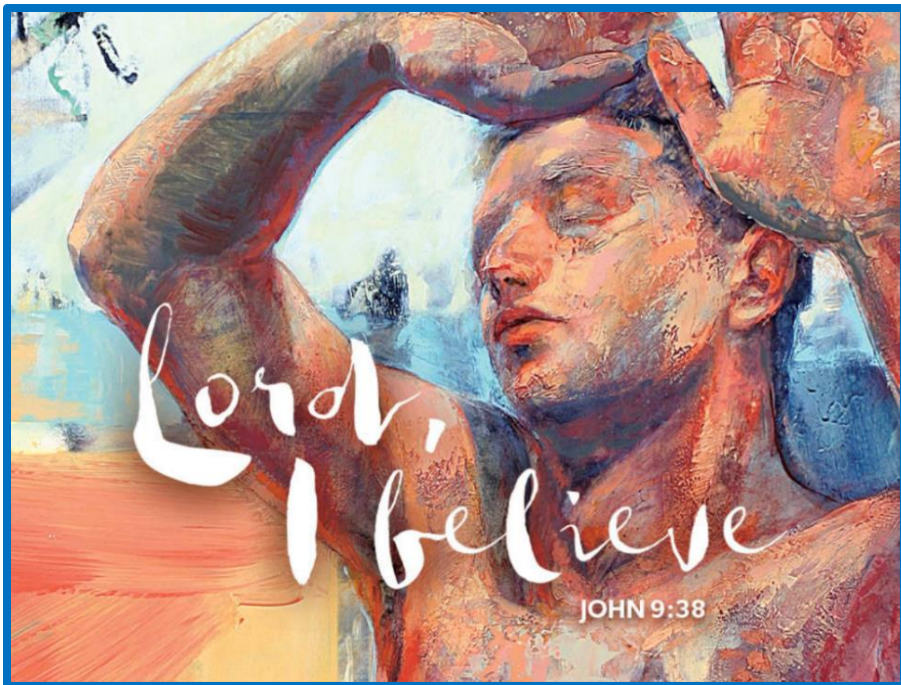
<sup>35</sup>Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” <sup>36</sup>He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” <sup>37</sup>Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” 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

**SERMON**

**Pastor Tim Seitz-Brown**



Who sinned,  
this man or  
his parents,  
that he was  
born blind?

—the Duhsciples



God wants our healing.

We are the ones who do the punishing.

God created Adam  
out of  
the dust of the ground  
in Genesis 2,



while Jesus re-created the blind man  
through the mud (or water-and-Spirit-mixture)  
in John 9.

The neighbors  
argued over  
what they  
were “seeing,”

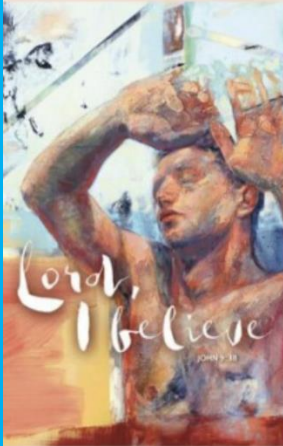


and before long  
there was a “witch hunt” in progress,  
carried out by religious leaders.

The easiest  
way  
to  
reconcile  
a  
divided  
community



is to unite them against  
a common enemy  
or scapegoat.



The "blind man"  
has traveled

*from*

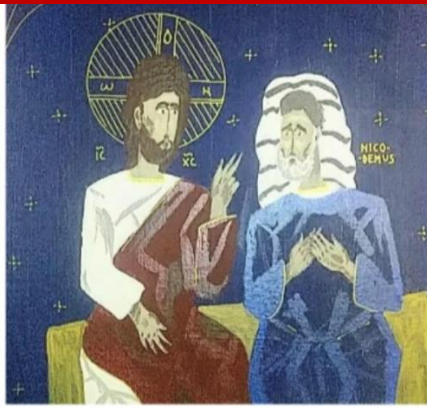
not being able to tell  
the difference between  
red or white or blue or green

*to*

seeing through  
the hypocrisy of his culture.

Meanwhile,  
the surrounding culture has  
remained blind  
to their destructive ways  
of being human.

We  
are  
all  
"Nicodemus" ...



needing to be  
born again  
from above.

*Please stand if you are able.*

## SERMON SONG

### *Open the Eyes of My Heart*

**BB 7**

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord.  
Open the eyes of my heart.  
I want to see You, I want to see You.  
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord.  
Open the eyes of my heart.  
I want to see You, I want to see You.

To see You high and lifted up,  
Shining in the light of Your glory.  
Pour out Your pow'r and love;  
As we sing holy, holy, holy.

*Repeat from beginning*

### *Ending*

Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy.  
Holy, holy, holy, I want to see you.

*Repeat ending*

## 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: Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation. Eternal God, you seal us by the Holy Spirit and mark us with the cross of Christ forever in baptism. Inspire us by your love as together we strive for justice and peace in all the earth. Merciful God,

C: **receive our prayer.**

Creating God, by your word you have made all things, and you hate nothing you have made. Teach us to perceive the beauty of the breadth of your creation, from the grandest mountain range to the smallest springtime bud. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Powerful God, you anoint kings and establish rulers. Guide the work of heads of state and elected officials. Encourage them to lead with justice and to remove barriers that impede the well-being of all. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Shepherding God, you lead us beside still waters and restore our souls. Keep watch over those who weep; tend all who are sick and comfort those who grieve. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**



God our host, you fill us at your table with more than we could ever ask. Feed us with hunger for justice. Equip the feeding ministries of this congregation and community. Nourish us so we can nourish our neighbors. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of history, with thanksgiving we remember our ancestors in faith who cared for your people. We praise you for the ways they formed the faith of others and continue to inspire us. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

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

P: We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; 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: God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life.  
C: **Amen.**

#### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

P: 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.

## 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 and receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness.

C: **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## PARTAKING IN THE BREAD AND CUP OF SALVATION

*All baptized Christians are welcome to partake of the Holy Sacrament. You may commune in your pew with one of the individually packaged kits or you may commune by coming forward to receive the elements in continuous fashion. 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 COMMUNING WITH THE KITS

*Open the wafer packet.*

P: The body of Christ given for you.

C: **Amen.**

*Open the cup.*

P: The blood of Christ shed for you.

C: **Amen.**

*Please place communion cups & wrappers in the trash can as you exit the Sanctuary.*

### FOR THOSE COMMUNING BY COMING FORWARD

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

## COMMUNION SONGS

### *As the Deer*

BB 58

1 As the deer panteth for the water,  
So my soul longeth after Thee.  
You alone are my heart's desire,  
And I long to worship Thee.

#### *Refrain:*

You alone are my strength, my shield;  
To You alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire,  
And I long to worship Thee.

2 You're my friend and You are my brother,  
Even though You are a King.  
I love You more than any other,  
So much more than anything. *Refrain*

3 I want You more than gold or silver,  
Only You can satisfy.  
You alone are the real joy giver,  
And the apple of my eye. *Refrain*

### *Lamb of God*

1. Your only Son, no sin to hide;  
But You have sent Him from Your side,  
To walk upon this guilty sod,  
And to become the Lamb of God.

2. Your gift of love they crucified;  
They laughed and scorned Him as He died.  
The humble King they named a fraud,  
And sacrificed the Lamb of God.



*Refrain*

Oh Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God.  
I love the holy Lamb of God.  
Oh, wash me in His precious blood,  
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

3. I was so lost I should have died;  
But You have brought me to Your side  
To be led by Your staff and rod,  
And to be called a lamb of God. *Refrain*

*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: Embodied God, at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love.  
C: **Amen.**

† **THE SENDING** †

**BLESSING**

P: God, the giver of love, ✠ Christ, the resurrection and the life, and the Holy Spirit of rebirth bless you in this Lenten journey.  
C: **Amen.**

**SENDING SONGS**

*There Is a Redeemer*

**BB 134**

1. There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own son,  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

*Refrain*

Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son  
And sending your Spirit till the work on earth is done.



2. Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names,  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, hope for sinners slain. *Refrain*

3. When I stand in glory, I will see his face;  
There I'll serve my king forever, in that holy place. *Refrain*

***Go, Make Disciples***

**BB 49**

Go, make disciples,  
baptizing them, teaching them.  
Go, make disciples,  
for I am with you till the end of time.

Go, be the salt of the earth.  
Go, be the light for the world.  
Go, be a city on a hill,  
so all can see that you're serving me.  
*Repeat from beginning*

***Ending***

Go, make disciples.

**DISMISSAL**

**P:** Go in peace. Serve in love.

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

**POSTLUDE**

## **THIS WEEK AT ZION**

### **Sunday, March 19**

*\* The altar flowers are sponsored by Jo Stone in honor of March family birthdays: Derek, Phil, and Chris.*

*\* The bulletins are sponsored by Jim Grube in memory of his parents, Weidler & Gloria.*

*\* The communion elements are sponsored in recognition of Property Team and Sextons for all the time, energy, skill, and creativity they put into maintaining the church building and grounds.*

In-Person Worship – 9:00 a.m.

Livestream/Recorded Worship – 9:00 a.m.

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Adult Sunday School – 10:30 a.m.

Box Office Bible Study Class (“God Heard Their Cry”) – Parlor

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

### **Monday, March 20**

Food Pantry – 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Council – 7 p.m. (Zone)

### **Tuesday, March 21**

Bible Study – 9-10:30 a.m. (Parlor)

Scouts – 6 p.m. (Classrooms)

### **Wednesday, March 22**

Food Pantry – 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

### **Thursday, March 23**

Lenten Study – 11 a.m. (Holy Spirit, Columbia Ave.)

Lunch following the study (Centerville Diner)

Community Meal – 5:30 p.m.

Choir – 6 p.m.

### **Friday, March 24**

### **Saturday, March 25**

Model Club – 5 p.m. (Social Room)

### **Sunday, March 26**

In-Person Worship – 9:00 a.m.

Livestream/Recorded Worship – 9:00 a.m.

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Talent/Hobby Show – 10:30 a.m.

No Adult Sunday School (Enjoy the Talent/Hobby Show!)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS, GOD-SIGHTINGS, UPDATES, & EVENTS

### COME AND EXPLORE WITH US IN LENT!

- **The First Century Context: Why the Romans crucified people**  
*Pastor Bob Ierien (Redeemer Lutheran, Lancaster)*
- **The Cross and those whose "backs are against the wall"**  
*Pastor Tim Seitz-Brown (Zion Lutheran, Landisville)*
- **The "Medical" or "CSI" aspects of the cross**  
*Dr. Marilyn Knaub (Holy Spirit, Lancaster)*
- **How does the cross save us? (2,000 years of interpretation)**  
*Pastor Gretchen Ierien (Holy Spirit, Lancaster)*
- **How Jesus waged peace during Holy Week**

**Thursdays in March at 11am  
at Holy Spirit Lutheran Church**

3131 Columbia Ave., Lancaster, PA 17603  
(717) 394-6771



*After each session, you're invited to continue the fellowship with lunch at Centerville Diner!*

**NEED A RIDE?!?**  
*There are members lined up to provide transportation. Contact Judy (717-898-0625).*

### LENTEN DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS

There are copies of Lenten devotionals on the ushers' table in the Narthex. Help yourself!

### OUR DAILY BREAD DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS

The March-May Our Daily Bread devotionals are available for you to get on the ushers' table in the Narthex.



### SERMON ON THE MOUNT DEVOTIONALS



The booklets of daily prayer readings are based on the *Sermon on the Mount* are available on the ushers' table in the Narthex and on the window sill in the back hallway. Pastor Tim is encouraging all to pick up a copy and use it as a devotion at the beginning and end of each day.

## SPRING-BRING

We can stop hunger with our hands! Bring a box and/or can of food for the Pantry! Please place food items in the bin, write your name on a hand cut-out, and place it in the designated box. The hands will be displayed on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Thanks for your participation!! Items requested: cereal, mixed vegetables, carrots, sweet potatoes, mandarin oranges, fruit cocktail and soup (cream of mushroom and celery).



## EASTER FLOWERS

There are sponsor forms for Easter flowers on the table in the Narthex by the Sanctuary entrance as well as on the ledge in the back hallway as you exit the Sanctuary. Cost is \$10. Deadline to place orders is Monday, April 3.



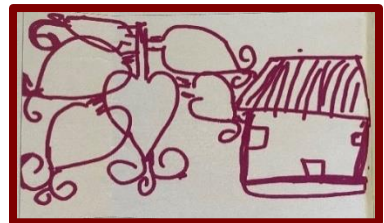
## COMMUNICATION FROM BRENDA ALIMO (dated 12/16/2022)

Dear Zion,

I am happy to take this special time to write to you. I hope all of you are fine and are in good health. I am fine and my family is too. We are getting ready to celebrate Christmas. I have bought a new cloth and a pair of shoes. We have also bought chicken and rice to prepare on that day. My favorite holiday is Christmas because this is the day Jesus was born before he died on the cross [on Good Friday] for my sins and forgave me for all my sins. Thank you so much for the beautiful letter I received from you! I love reading it so much. All from Brenda, your friend. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year in 2023!



**Brenda**



**Her house and a flower for us.**



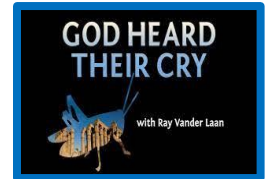
This month the Joyful Noise offering will go to Bethany Christian Services. The money collected this month will go specifically to their housing services.



**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: Following worship at 10:30 a.m.**



In the Zone and on Zoom  
(<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2283229266>)



**BIBLE STUDY CLASS** ("God Heard Their Cry"): In the Parlor  
*\*Today is the last day of Sunday School until April 16\**

**TALENT/HOBBY SHOWCASE: MARCH 26 AFTER WORSHIP**



The Talent/Hobby Showcase is NEXT SUNDAY! It will be so much fun to see all the talents, skills, and interests on display! It will also be a great time of fellowship! We hope you will plan to stay after worship for this time together. [There will be no Sunday School.] If you would like to display something, please let Diane R. know by the end of today! ***FOR THOSE WHO PARTICIPATE:*** You may bring your display to the Zone on Fri., March 24 from 1-2 p.m. or Sat., March 25 at 2 p.m.

**B.Y.O.B. (BRING YOUR OWN BEAR)**

The small bears and other stuffed animals we are collecting throughout Lent will be donated to the Penn State Health Children's Pediatric Center across from Long's Park (at the location of the former ToysRUs)



after Easter. Any monetary donations for the purchase of stuffed animals may be given to Diane Ramer or Judy Traup. They will be blessed during a worship service before they are taken to the health center.



When you bring in your teddy bears (or other small stuffed animals), please place them on the window sills in the Sanctuary. *Thank you to everyone who have already brought some in! Your participation in this outreach opportunity is appreciated!* Questions? Contact Diane Ramer or Judy Traup.



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

- **PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP:** April 2 @ 9:00 a.m.
- **PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH:** April 2 @ 10:30 a.m.  
*More information about the brunch is provided below.*  
*No Sunday School.*
- **MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP:** April 6 @ 7:00 p.m.
- **GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP:** April 7 @ 7:00 p.m.
- **EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP:** April 9 @ 9:00 a.m.  
*No Sunday School.*



All of these services will be live-streamed and viewed either at the time of the services or afterward at: [http://bit.ly/Zion\\_Live](http://bit.ly/Zion_Live).



### **JOIN US FOR PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH**

We hope you will stay after worship at 10:30 a.m. on Palm Sunday (April 2) to enjoy food (prepared by Jim P. and the Men of Zion) and fellowship. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Narthex if you plan to attend. To help, contact Dave D. ([davedumeyer@gmail.com](mailto:davedumeyer@gmail.com)).



### **FROM LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF**

Thank you for the recent generous gift to Lutheran World Relief's Quilt and Kit Shipping Fund! ... We are so grateful for the love you are bestowing on our neighbors around the world by ensuring they'll receive these critical items just when they need them most. Thank you.

### **FROM DAY OF SMILES**

Thank you so very much for your fantastic donation to our four recipients of Day of Smiles. Because of generosity and kindness like yours we collected a grand total of \$17,223.00 for the four organizations (Clare House, Milagro House, Pet Pantry, and Hershey Mill Home). All are extremely grateful for the financial support that we were able to give them on our 17<sup>th</sup> annual Day of Smiles in memory of Erin and Max.

### **FROM DAVE ALBIN AND HIS EXTENDED FAMILY**

Our family is grateful for all of your prayers, cards, and support.





## The Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania

Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, and The Wittel Farm

PO Box 459, Arendtsville, PA 17303

717-677-8211 • [www.LutheranCamping.org](http://www.LutheranCamping.org)



### SUMMER CAMP OPEN HOUSES AT KIRCHENWALD, NAWAKWA, AND THE WITTEL FARM

**TODAY** and April 16 **2-4:30 p.m.**



*Come meet some of the summer camp staff, take a tour of the camp, and get a \$10 gift certificate to the camp store!*



### COME CELEBRATE EARTH DAY AT KIRCHENWALD

April 23; 2-6 p.m.

*Enjoy an afternoon of environmental activities, games, and crafts within God's creation. An evening meal is included in the \$15 fee. All ages welcome.*



### COME HELP SPRUCE UP THE CAMPS

April 29; 9 a.m.-5 p.m. (At Nawakwa)

May 6; 9 a.m.-5 p.m. (Kirchenwald)

### SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION

*There are camps for all ages and interests at both Kirchenwald and at Nawakwa. If camp isn't for you, maybe your grandchild, nephew, niece, cousin, neighbor would be interested! Help spread the word about the opportunities throughout the summer!*



**More information about these and other events at:**

***<https://www.lutherancamping.org/upcoming-events/>***

## THE PARISH RESOURCE CENTER UPCOMING EVENTS

# Food Bank Panel

Community Action Partnership  
April 24th, 7-8:30pm

Hunger Free York  
York County Food Bank

2023 Cherry Academy  
**Food Insecurity**

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA  
**FOOD BANK**

PRC

# Mental Health First Aid

April 25th, 7-8:30pm

Presented by  
**Community Services Group**

CSg

\*2-3 hours of online work is required before the workshop

PRC

Practical Skills Workshop

# Children and Hunger

May 1st, 7-8:30pm

Featuring  
**Power Packs PROJECT**

2023 Cherry Academy  
**Food Insecurity**

PRC

# Intro to Immigration

May 11th, 7-8:30pm

Led by  
*Kate Good*  
PRC Exec Director

PRC

Volunteer Workshop

More information about these and other events at:  
<https://connectprc.org/programming/>

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

Bob Shirk  
Tom Grzybowski  
Jess Barcaro  
Harry Musselman  
Sam King  
Connie Alsedek  
Joe Adams  
Mary Zimmerman  
Marvin Ruch  
Kate Donnan  
Bill Grove  
Judie Ingersoll  
Joan Mays  
Holly Hoover  
Barb Williams  
Kay Crawford  
Jack Taylor (4-year-old son of the niece of Deb Grube)  
Walter Thalgott (Brother of Thelma Pearson)  
Jeff Bradley (Friend of Al Ramer)  
Harmony & Family (Friends of Kim & Jim Paternoster)  
Shirley Shiner (Stepmother of Jenn Pipkin)  
Jeff Long (Nephew of Rick & Deb Long)  
Loma Slike (Mother of Sue Wise)  
Brook Ross (Friend of Barb Williams)  
William Hartman (Father of Deb Grube)  
Ernie Johnson (Friend of Barb Williams)  
Mike LaFata (Son-in-law of Bill & Julia Grove)

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

Thelma Pearson  
Lucy Davis  
Betty Stoner  
Deb McCartney  
George Potts  
Arlene Miller  
Dave Albin and family on the death of his mother, Betty.  
Ruth Burkett (Mother of Deb Long)

Peggy & Rick Dolly (Relatives of Barb Williams)  
Vaun Hile (Father of Lynda Sherwood)  
Arlene Wise (Sister-in-law of Dave Wise)  
Dorothy Mattern (Mother of Denise Haun)  
Ed & Dotty Sites (Parents of Cathy Benedict)  
Jennifer Kready (Daughter of Dave & Donna Dumeyer)

***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***

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

22<sup>nd</sup> – Marty Gerlach, Ben Green  
23<sup>rd</sup> – Hannah Pipkin  
25<sup>th</sup> – Brenda Rosen  
26<sup>th</sup> – Scott Hetrick, Brian Sherwood, Andrew Sherwood

**Betty Stoner**

1001 E. Oregon Rd.  
Manheim Bldg. Room 50  
Lititz, PA 17543



**Connie Grow**

1001 E. Oregon Rd.  
Cedar Room 50  
Lititz, PA 17543

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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.
Maundy Thursday Worship (4/6)	7:00 p.m.
Good Friday Worship (4/7)	7:00 p.m.
Livestream & Recorded Link	<a href="http://bit.ly/Zion_Live">http://bit.ly/Zion_Live</a>
Bible Study Focus Class (Parlor)	Sundays @ 10:30 a.m. (Except 3/26, 4/2, & 4/9)
Wired Word Class (Zone)	Sundays @ 10:30 a.m. (Except 3/26, 4/2, & 4/9) <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2283229266">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2283229266</a>
Bible Study	Tuesdays @ 9:00 a.m.
Lenten Study	Thursdays in March @ 11 a.m. @ Holy Spirit Lutheran Church 3131 Columbia Ave., Lanc. 17603
Church Office	717-898-2911
Pastor	717-332-4216
Parish Administrator	717-945-4585
Council President	717-342-3796
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