

**Fifth Sunday in Lent**  
*A Service of Word & Sacrament*  
*March 22, 2026*



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

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

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

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

## **WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AT ZION**

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

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

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIy\\_3AeK\\_pExuVhcUfl2cSw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIy_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.



# Fifth Sunday in Lent

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

## † THE GATHERING †

### INTRODUCTION

*Please Recite Responsively*

#### *Gathering – Word – Meal – Sending* *Gathering*

P: The valley is full of dry bones.

C: **O Lord, breathe your Spirit upon us.**

We wait for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning.  
**In God's word we place our hope.**

The Spirit of God gathers us from dust and despair.  
**Come, Holy Spirit, and give us life.**

#### *Word*

The Word of God speaks to dry bones.  
**And what God speaks, lives again.**

The Word of God calls from the tomb.  
**And death cannot hold what God calls forth.**

Today we listen for the voice that says, "Come out."  
**Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.**

#### *Meal*

At this table Christ feeds the living and the dying.  
**Lord, give us the bread of life.**

Here the Spirit gives life to mortal bodies.  
**Fill us with the life that never ends.**

Come, all who hunger for resurrection.  
**We come trusting your mercy.**

## *Sending*

The Spirit sends us into the dark valleys of this world.  
**We go bearing the breath of life.**

We will go to call forth life where death has taken hold.  
**Because Christ is our resurrection and our life.**

We will go forth in peace, breathing hope into the world.  
**We will respond, “Thanks be to God. Amen! We will!”**

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRELUDE**

*Please stand if you are able.*

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

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

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

Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt and blots out all offenses.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Gracious God,  
**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you: Gracious God,  
**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word: Gracious God,  
**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For failing to recognize your coming reign, and for hindering the work of the Spirit: Gracious God,  
**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition, and for disdain the living water Christ offers: Gracious God,  
**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For disregarding voices from the margin, and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world: Gracious God,  
**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent, and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life: Gracious God,  
**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound. Through faith, the free gift of God, you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead dwells in you, pours God's love into your hearts, and gives you life and peace.  
**Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN**

*Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service*

**ELW 712**

1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu - man need,  
2 Still your chil - dren wan - der home - less; still the hun - gry cry for bread;  
3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal - ing light  
4 Called by wor - ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer - cy's per - fect deed:  
 still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.  
 in its height and depth and great - ness dawns up - on our quick - ened sight,  
 to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;

we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart;  
 As you, Lord, in deep com - pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,  
 mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens your com - pas - sion bids us bear,  
 hope and health, good - will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give,

con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.  
 by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole.  
 stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share.  
 that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901-1984  
 Music: BEACH SPRING, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844; arr. *Selected Hymns*, 1985  
 Text © 1961 Oxford University Press.  
 Arr. © 1985 Augsburg Fortress.

**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: Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through 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 †

### EXEKIEL 37:1-14

*The dry bones of Israel brought to life.*

A: <sup>1</sup>The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup>He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. <sup>3</sup>He said to me, “Mortal, can these bones live?” I answered, “O Lord God, you know.” <sup>4</sup>Then he said to me, “Prophesy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. <sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup>I will lay sinews on you and will cause flesh to come upon you and cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the Lord.”

<sup>7</sup>So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup>I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them, but there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup>Then he said to me, “Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.” <sup>10</sup>I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

<sup>11</sup>Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’

<sup>12</sup>Therefore prophesy and say to them: Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people, and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup>And you shall know that I am the Lord



<sup>9</sup> But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.  
<sup>10</sup> But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup> If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM**


*My Dying Lord*

**J. Parker III and D. Lantz III**

**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 11:1-53**

*Baptismal image: the raising of Lazarus.*

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

**P:** <sup>1</sup> Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. <sup>2</sup> Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. <sup>3</sup> So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." <sup>4</sup> But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather, it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." <sup>5</sup> Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, <sup>6</sup> after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

<sup>7</sup> Then after this he said to the disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.” <sup>8</sup> The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?” <sup>9</sup> Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble because they see the light of this world. <sup>10</sup> But those who walk at night stumble because the light is not in them.” <sup>11</sup> After saying this, he told them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.” <sup>12</sup> The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.” <sup>13</sup> Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. <sup>14</sup> Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead. <sup>15</sup> For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” <sup>16</sup> Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

<sup>17</sup> When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. <sup>18</sup> Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, <sup>19</sup> and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. <sup>20</sup> When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. <sup>21</sup> Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup> But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.” <sup>23</sup> Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” <sup>24</sup> Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” <sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, <sup>26</sup> and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” <sup>27</sup> She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.”

<sup>28</sup> When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary and told her privately, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” <sup>29</sup> And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. <sup>30</sup> Now Jesus had not yet come to the village but was still at the place where Martha had met him. <sup>31</sup> The Jews who were with her in the house consoling her saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there.

<sup>32</sup> When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” <sup>33</sup> When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup> He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” <sup>35</sup> Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup> So the Jews

said, “See how he loved him!”<sup>37</sup> But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

<sup>38</sup> Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup> Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” <sup>40</sup> Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?” <sup>41</sup> So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup> I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” <sup>43</sup> When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” <sup>44</sup> The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

<sup>45</sup> Many of the Jews, therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did believed in him. <sup>46</sup> But some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. <sup>47</sup> So the chief priests and the Pharisees called a meeting of the council and said, “What are we to do? This man is performing many signs. <sup>48</sup> If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and destroy both our holy place and our nation.” <sup>49</sup> But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, “You know nothing at all! <sup>50</sup> You do not understand that it is better for you to have one man die for the people than to have the whole nation destroyed.”

<sup>51</sup> He did not say this on his own, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus was about to die for the nation, <sup>52</sup> and not for the nation only, but to gather into one the dispersed children of God. <sup>53</sup> So from that day on they planned to put him to death.

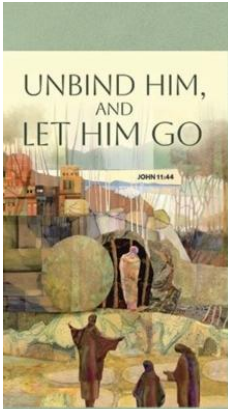
The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

**MESSAGE**

**Pastor Tim Seitz-Brown**



**The words that surround Zion's baptismal font:**

Receive the sign, the holy cross in token that henceforth thou shalt know the Lord, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his suffering.

**Translation:**

Receive the sign of the holy cross. It is a sign that from now on you will know the Lord, the power of his resurrection, and the sharing of his suffering.

*Please stand if you are able.*

**SERMON HYMN**

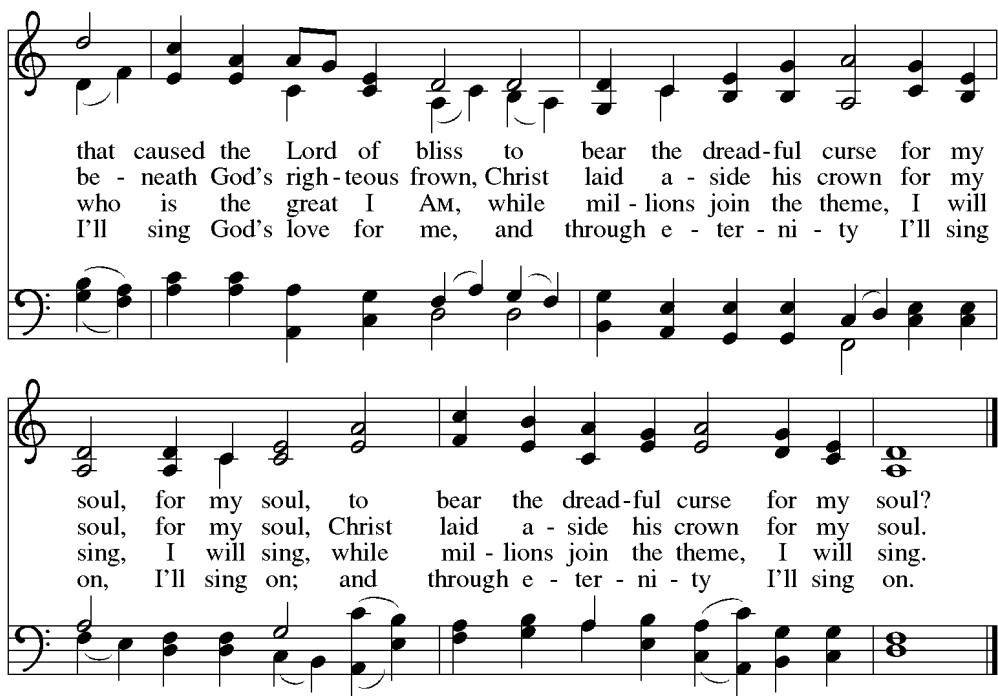
*What Wondrous Love is This*

**ELW 666**

1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What  
 2 When I was sink - ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, when  
 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to  
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and

won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this  
 I was sink - ing down, sink-ing down, when I was sink - ing down  
 God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,  
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,





that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my  
 be - neath God's righ - teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my  
 who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will  
 I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?  
 soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.  
 sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.  
 on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Text: North American folk hymn, 19th cent., alt.  
 Music: WONDROUS LOVE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. Paul J. Christiansen, 1914–1997, alt.  
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## 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.*

We pray for the church. Grant life and peace to all who gather in your name. We pray for those serving as military chaplains, especially David Sensenig (Navy) and Joanna Forbes (Army). Breathe into us so that we may share your message of forgiveness, hope, and love. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Renew landscapes that have dried up. Prosper the work of those who restore homes and habitats after storms, floods, and fire. Sustain places where biodiversity thrives: the forests and streams of Susquehannock State Park, the wetlands and wildlife of Middle Creek Wildlife Management Area, the quiet waters and woodlands of Chiques Rock County Park, and the deep ravines and old hemlocks of Kellys Run Nature Preserve. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for the nations. Unbind leaders trapped by fear; let courage rise like breath into dry bones. Awaken the peoples of Iran, Israel, Lebanon, and neighboring lands, and all who suffer in Ukraine, from the tombs of war and violence. Guide refugees and those who wander, and gather the scattered into places of safety and hope. Turn hearts from vengeance to mercy, that valleys once silent may sing again, and all creation flourish in your life-giving Spirit. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for all people in need. Take away the stone of poverty that weighs down so many. Console any who weep and heal all who are sick especially those on Zion's prayer lists. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for this assembly. Ready the hearts and spirits of all preparing to be baptized especially Violet Lawrence. Deepen our wonder at the mystery of your resurrection and life. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

We offer our thanksgiving for Jonathan Edwards, Archbishop Oscar Romero, Saint Patrick, Saint Joseph, Guardian of Jesus, Thomas Cranmer, Bishop of Canterbury and all people who have died in faith. Give us faith to trust in your power to redeem and save, and bring us up from our graves to life in you. 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 calling them good.

Praise to you for entering the valley of dry bones, for breathing hope into what was dead, until graves loosen their grip and the living rise at your call.

From the depths we wait for you, O Lord, trusting in your redeeming word.

Praise to you for Jesus Christ, your Anointed One, the resurrection and the life. He entered our sorrow, wept at the tomb of his friend, and called the dead to rise.

With Martha of Bethany we confess:

**“Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.”**

Praise to you for your Spirit, who gives life to mortal bodies and awakens the breath of life within us.

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 his passover from death to life and proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Come now, Holy Spirit, breath of the living God. Stand before the tombs of our lives and call us by name:

**Come out. Unbind them and let them go!**

Loose the graveclothes that bind us. Gather us as the living body of Christ at this table.

Send us into the valleys of this world to breathe hope where death has settled, until every tomb is opened and all creation rises in your promised life.

With the saints of every time and place, with the earth and all its creatures, we praise you, O 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 HYMNS *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*

ELW 325

1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;  
2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with  
3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me". It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. There are three verses of lyrics provided below the treble staff. The first verse is "1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;". The second verse is "2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with". The third verse is "3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;". The music features a simple, hymn-like melody with some phrasing slurs and ties.



me; I want Je - sus to walk with me;  
 in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with  
 when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me; all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,  
 when my heart is al - most break - ing,  
 when my head is bowed in sor - row,

Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.  
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me. walk with me.  
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

Text: African American spiritual  
 Music: SOJOURNER, African American spiritual; arr. hymnal version  
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## Precious Lord, Take My Hand

ELW 773



1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,  
2 When my way grows . . drear, pre-cious Lord, lin - ger near,  
3 When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws . . near,



I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.  
when my life is . . . al - most . . gone,  
and the day is . . . past and . . . gone,



Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.  
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.  
at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.



Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.

Text: Thomas A. Dorsey, 1899–1993

Music: George N. Allen, 1812–1877, adapt. Thomas A. Dorsey

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PRECIOUS LORD

Irregular

*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

### *You Are The Way*

ELW 758

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in a key of B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system contains the first four lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the final four lines. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

1 You are the way; to you a - lone from sin and death we flee;  
2 You are the truth; your word a - lone true wis - dom can im - part;  
3 You are the life; the rend - ing tomb pro - claims your con - qu'ring arm;  
4 You are the way, the truth, the life; grant us that way to know,

all those who search for God, you find and by your grace set free.  
you on - ly can in - form the mind and pu - ri - fy the heart.  
and those who put their trust in you not death nor hell shall harm.  
that truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

Text: George W. Doane, 1799–1859, alt.  
Music: DUNDEE, *Psalter*, Edinburgh, 1615

### DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Believe the good news.

C” Thanks be to God.

### POSTLUDE

## THIS WEEK AT ZION

### **Sunday, March 22**

\* *The altar flowers are sponsored by Jeanette Bombergerin memory of her father, Levi, Gensemer, who birthday was on March 23, 1917.*

\* *The communion elements are sponsored by Bob Wildasin in anticipation of Easter....*

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

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIy\\_3AeK\\_pExuVhcUfl2cSw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIy_3AeK_pExuVhcUfl2cSw)

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 23**

Food Pantry – 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

### **Tuesday, March 24**

Bible Study – 9 a.m. (Parlor)

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

### **Wednesday, March 25**

Food Pantry – 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

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

### **Thursday, March 26**

Community Meal – 5 p.m. (Social Room)

Choir – 6 p.m.

### **Friday, March 27**

### **Saturday, March 28**

### **Sunday, March 29 – *Palm/Passion Sunday***

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

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIy\\_3AeK\\_pExuVhcUfl2cSw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIy_3AeK_pExuVhcUfl2cSw)

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

Brunch – Following Worship (Social Room)

**Having served as Zion's sexton for 16 years, Tom Miller is retiring next month.  
His last day at the church will be on Friday, April 10.**

*Please take a moment over the next few weeks to connect with Tom in person or mail him a card to say goodbye, wish him a smooth transition into retirement, and thank him for the many ways he supported the ministries of the church.*

**Tom Miller**

**2810 Harrisburg Pike, Lancaster 17601**

## 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 on 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	
<i>*No corn; No greens; No glass jars</i>		<b><i>The pantry is grateful for all donations!</i></b>	

## UPDATED DIRECTORY

A copy of the directory is on the ushers' table by the sanctuary entrance. Please check your listing and mark any changes today. ***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)

### ***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.*



### **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)



## **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

## WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

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

### LAST GATHERING DATE

March 25 at 6:00 p.m.

### WHERE

Social Room

### WHAT

Simple Soup and Bread

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

### WHY

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



## HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

*Join us for worship throughout Holy Week*

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

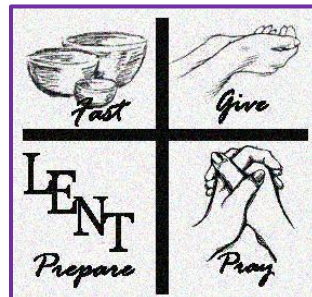
**Maundy Thursday Worship: April 2 at 7 p.m.**

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

### **CROSSES FOR LENT**

You are invited to bring crosses from your home next Sunday to display on the window sills in the sanctuary during the service.

As the children have learned in the Children's Chats recently, crosses come in all different sizes and materials so it will be fun to see the variations of those that are brought in!



# **CHURCH EVENTS AT A GLANCE**

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

## **MARCH**

- 25: Midweek Lenten Soup, Fellowship, & Service (6 p.m.)
- 26: Community Meal (5 p.m.; Social Room)
- 28: Model Club (5 p.m.; Social Room)
- 29: Palm/Passion Sunday Worship (9 a.m.)
- 29: Brunch following worship in Social Room (Hosted by the Men's Fellowship)
- 29: No Adult Sunday School

## **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)
- 5: No Adult Sunday School
- 9: Community Meal (5 p.m.; Social Room)
- 11: Men's Breakfast (8 a.m.; Restaurant Silver Spring Family Restaurant, Marietta Ave.)
- 21: Journeys Wellness Group (6:30 p.m.; Parlor)
- 23: Community Meal (5 p.m.; Social Room)
- 26: Fenice Choir Concert (3-5 p.m.; Etown College Leffler Chapel)

## **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)

*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.*

## UPCOMING WORKSHOP AT THE PARISH RESOURCE CENTER

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



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***

Joan Mays	Barb Williams	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	Tina Weigner (Friend of Adele King)
Dave Wauls	James Marks (Nephew of Dennis & Marie Dezort)	
Jack Taylor (Son of Deb Grube's niece)		Lissa James (Niece of Connie Alsedek)
Fred Boyle (Friend of Bob & Judy Traup)		Karen Metz (Cousin of Dolly Overly)
Arabelle Page (Student of Amy Thompson)		Joanne Myers (Friend of Connie Alsedek)
Dennis Barcaro (Jess Barcaro's father-in-law)		
Bob Hobough (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)		

### ***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 Gorlaski
Thom Whitesel	Christopher Wright	Tyler Baldwin (Friend of Barb Williamns)	
Benjamin Hansen (Grandson of Al & Connie Alsedek and son of Holly)			
David Adams (Son-in-law of John & Kathleen Hay; husband of Liz)			
Jon Krueger (Grandson of Janet Musselman; Son of Diane Krueger)			

### ***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!**

22 <sup>nd</sup> : John Gerlach	23 <sup>rd</sup> : Hannah Pipkin	24 <sup>th</sup> : Brian Sherwood, Andrew Sherwood
25 <sup>th</sup> : Brenda Rosen, Brooke Stitzel		26 <sup>th</sup> : Jeanette Bomberger, Scott Hetrick

## 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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