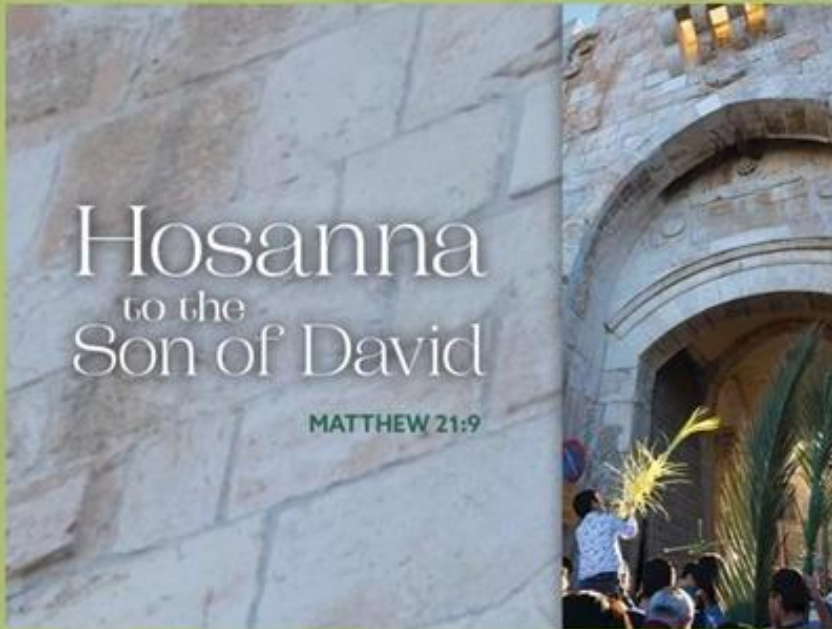


Palm/Passion Sunday
A Service of Word & Sacrament
March 29, 2026



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.

This morning we welcome Pastor Beth Martini as guest preacher. Pastor Martini has served as Assistant to the Bishop in the Lower Susquehanna Synod for the last seven years. Her work focuses on candidacy (the process of becoming a pastor or deacon), mobility (the call process), and First Call Theological Education (rostered ministers in the first three years of their call). Beth is a member of St. Peter Lutheran Church in Mechanicsburg where her husband serves as the pastor. Their children are 8 and 11 years old.

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_pExuVhcUfI2cSw

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.

Palm/Passion Sunday

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

† THE GATHERING †

INTRODUCTION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Think about having a friend over for dinner. First, you invite them and they show up. That's the **gathering**. The Spirit is like that invitation, calling scattered people together so they don't have to be alone.

Then the host starts talking, sharing something important, maybe reading something aloud. That's the **Word**. God speaks through scriptures read and proclaimed, like a host who has something real to say.

Then comes the **meal**, everyone eating together at the same table.

And finally you go home, changed by the evening, **sent** back into ordinary life carrying something with you.

Gathering, Word, Meal, Sending. That's the shape of every Sunday.

Today we follow Jesus from his triumphal yet misunderstood entrance into Jerusalem all the way to the cross. At every step, Jesus shows compassion—even toward those who betray him, mock him, blame him, and hurt him. Though beaten and treated unjustly, Jesus is not shamed. Instead, he asks God to forgive the very people who are killing him.

Over forty days of Lent, each of us has been invited—through our baptism—to **have the same mind as Jesus**. Now we enter Holy Week, walking with him toward the cross. We hold both grief and gratitude as we trust in a love that saves—not by demanding sacrifice, but by exposing and healing the human cycle of violence. We are saved from the need to blame and hurt others in order to feel at peace, and saved for a new way of living rooted in forgiveness, mercy, and love that does not retaliate.

PRELUDE

Please stand if you are able.

GATHERING

P: The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

ACCLAMATION

P: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: **Hosanna in the highest!**

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 21st chapter.

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

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.”

⁴ This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet: ⁵ “Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”

⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷ they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸ A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

¹⁰ When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” ¹¹ The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

BLESSING OF PALMS

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

Let us pray. We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PROCESSION

A: Let us go forth in peace.

C: **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

PROCESSIONAL

Blessed Is He Who Comes

Lloyd Larson

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna to the King! Hosanna to the King!

Hosanna to Jesus the King!

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *All Glory, Laud and Honor*

1. All glory, laud and honor to Thee, Redeemer King.
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!
The people of the Hebrews with palms before Thee went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems before Thee we present.

2. Thou art the King of Israel, Thou David's royal son,
Who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One;
To Thee, before Thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise
To Thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.

3. Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,
Who in all good delightest, Thou good and gracious King.
All glory, laud and honor to Thee, Redeemer, King!
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

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: Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Please be seated.

† THE WORD †

ISAIAH 50:4-9a

The servant of the LORD submits to suffering.

A: ⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he awakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. ⁷The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 31:9-16

Please chant responsively with the choir.



⁹ Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I | am in trouble;

my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat | and my belly.

¹⁰ **For my life is wasted with grief, and my | years with sighing;**

my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones | are consumed.

¹¹ I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to | my acquaintances;

when they see me in the street | they avoid me.

¹² **Like the dead I am forgotten, | out of mind;**

I am as useless as a | broken pot.

¹³ For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is | all around;

they put their heads together against me; they plot to | take my life.

¹⁴ **But as for me, I have trusted in | you, O Lord.**

I have said, “You | are my God.

¹⁵ My times are | in your hand;

rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who | persecute me.

¹⁶ **Let your face shine up- | on your servant;**

save me in your | steadfast love.”

PHILIPPIANS 2:1-11

Humbled to the point of death on a cross.

A: ¹ If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, ² make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others. ⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷ but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸ he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

My Song is Love Unknown

David Cherwien
 Jamie Smith, Cello



All 1. My song is love un - known, my Sa - vior's love to
 All 2. He came from his blest throne sal - va - tion to be -
 Choir 3. Some - times they strew his way and his sweet prais - es
 Choir 4. Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and
 All 5. They rise and needs will have my dear Lord made a -
 Choir 6. In life no house, no home my Lord on earth might
 All 7. Here might I stay and sing — no sto - ry so di -



me, love to the love - less shown that they might love - ly
 stow; but men made strange, and none the longed - for Christ would
 sing; re - sounding all the day ho - san - nas to their
 spite? He made the lame to run, he gave the blind their
 way; a mur - der - er they save, the prince of life they
 have; in death no friend - ly tomb but what a strang - er
 vine! Nev - er was love, dear King, nev - er was grief like



be. Oh, who am I that for my sake
 know. But, oh, my friend, my friend in - deed,
 King. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" is all their breath,
 sight. Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these
 — slay. Yet cheer - ful he to suff - ring goes
 gave. What may I say? Heav'n was his home
 thine. This is my friend, in whose sweet praise



my Lord should take frail flesh and die?
 who at my need his life did spend!
 and for his death they thirst and cry.
 — them - selves dis - please and 'gainst him rise.
 that he his foes from thence might free.
 but mine the tomb where - in he lay.
 I all my days could glad - ly spend!

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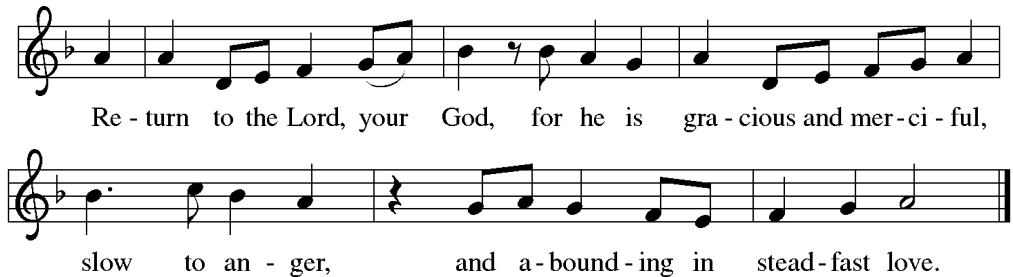
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CHILDREN'S CHAT & DISMISSAL TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Please remain seated.

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.

MATTHEW 27:11-54

The passion of the Lord.

¹¹ Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?” Jesus said, “You say so.” ¹² But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. ¹³ Then Pilate said to him, “Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?” ¹⁴ But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

¹⁵ Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. ¹⁶ At that time they had a notorious prisoner called Jesus Barabbas. ¹⁷ So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, “Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?” ¹⁸ For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. ¹⁹ While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, “Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.” ²⁰ Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. ²¹ The governor again said to them, “Which of the two do you want me to release for you?” And they said, “Barabbas.” ²² Pilate said to them, “Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?” All of them said, “Let him be crucified!” ²³ Then he asked, “Why, what evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Let him be crucified!”

²⁴ So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, “I am innocent of this man’s blood; see to it yourselves.” ²⁵ Then the people as a whole answered, “His blood be on us and on our children!” ²⁶ So he released Barabbas for them, and after flogging Jesus he handed him over to be crucified.

²⁷ Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor’s headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. ²⁸ They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, ²⁹ and after twisting some thorns into a crown they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” ³⁰ They spat on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. ³¹ After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

³² As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. ³³ And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), ³⁴ they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. ³⁵ And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; ³⁶ then they sat down there and kept watch over him. ³⁷ Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, “This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.”

³⁸ Then two rebels were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁹ Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads ⁴⁰ and saying, “You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.” ⁴¹ In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, ⁴² “He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. ⁴³ He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to, for he said, ‘I am God’s Son.’ ” ⁴⁴ The rebels who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

⁴⁵ From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ⁴⁶ And about three o’clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” ⁴⁷ When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, “This man is calling for Elijah.” ⁴⁸ At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. ⁴⁹ But the others said, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah

will come to save him.”⁵⁰ Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last.⁵¹ At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split.⁵² The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised.⁵³ After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many.⁵⁴ Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, “Truly this man was God’s Son!”

GOSPEL RESPONSE

Jesus, Remember Me

ELW 616

Sing three times through.

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

Text: Luke 23:42; Taizé Community

Music: REMEMBER ME, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

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SERMON

The Rev. Beth Martini

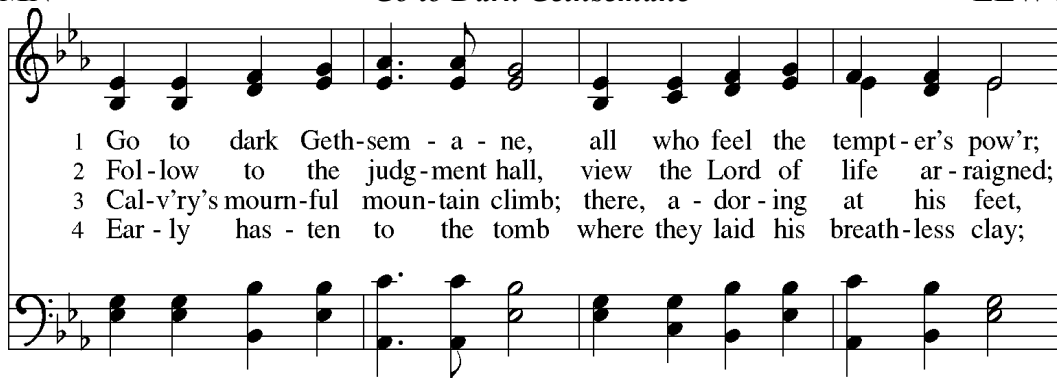


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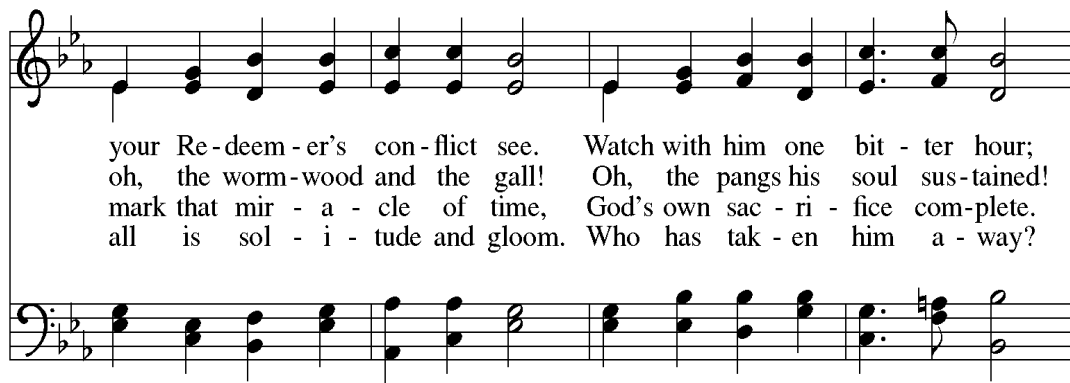
HYMN

Go to Dark Gethsemane

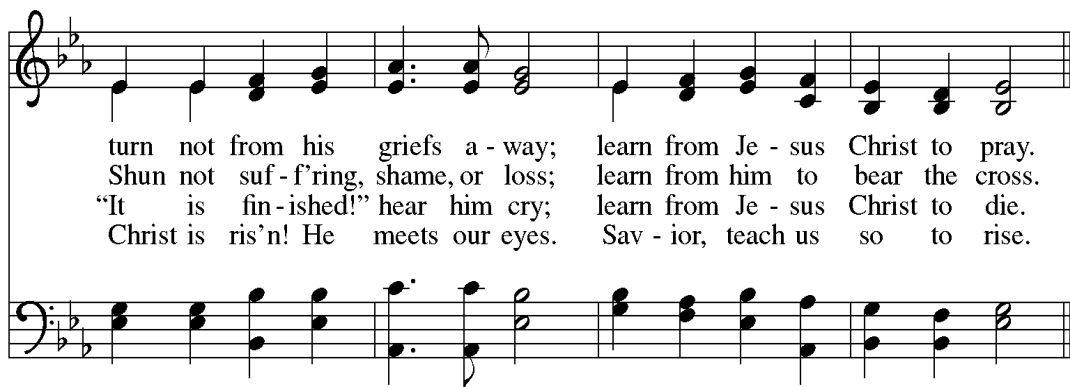
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1 Go to dark Geth-sem - a - ne, all who feel the tempt-er's pow'r;
2 Fol-low to the judg-ment hall, view the Lord of life ar-raigned;
3 Cal-v'ry's mourn-ful moun-tain climb; there, a - dor - ing at his feet,
4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb where they laid his breath-less clay;



your Re-deem-er's con-flict see. Watch with him one bit - ter hour;
oh, the worm-wood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sus-tained!
mark that mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com-plete.
all is sol - i - tude and gloom. Who has tak - en him a - way?



turn not from his griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.
Shun not suf - f'ring, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.
"It is fin - ished!" hear him cry; learn from Je - sus Christ to die.
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854

Music: GETHSEMANE, Richard Redhead, 1820-1901

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.

O God, you announce words of grace and truth. Give wisdom to all preachers in your church both globally and locally: Bishop Yehiel Curry, Bishop Stephen Herr, and Bishop Geoffrey Mwaihaba. Open our hearts to encounter the infinite life you offer in Jesus. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You hold the whole universe. Gather sun and moon, clouds and stars, land and sea, and plants and animals around the cross, so that all creation bears witness to your saving love. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of wisdom, guide the leaders of the United States, Israel, Iran, and all nations. When fear narrows their vision, widen it. When pride hardens their hearts, soften them. Lead them onto paths that protect life and pursue peace.

God in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Your heart breaks open at our pain. Send healing and vindication to all who, like Jesus, know the sting of betrayal, denial, abuse, or false accusations. Be with those experiencing pain or loss this day especially those on Zion's prayer list. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Your ways show compassion. Let this same mind be in us as we enter Holy Week. Bless those here who will lead worship and tell the story of Jesus' death and resurrection. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

O God, your embrace is eternal. Praise and thanks to you for Hans Nielsen Hauge, John Donne, Benedict the African and all the faithful departed who rest in your mercy. Deliver us all from death's power and raise us 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, Creator of the universe.
Your steadfast love endures forever; your faithfulness through all generations.

You formed the heavens and the earth and called them good. You gather a people, restore the broken, and promise to make all things new.

As Jesus entered the holy city, the crowd cried, “Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in your name.” Yet the cries turn, and the powers close in. Betrayal and fear take hold.

Those who trust in domination believe they hold control. They seal the tomb and set their guard. But at his death the earth trembles. The curtain is torn. The graves are opened; your Life will not be contained.

Even here, in the face of the cross, your Spirit is at work, hidden, faithful, drawing all things toward your promise.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, 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.

Remembering his death, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Come, Holy Spirit. Breathe upon us. Stay with us in the shadow of the cross. Break what is hardened. Loose what binds us. Hold us in hope when we cannot yet see.

Gather us, broken and given, as the living body of Christ.

Send us into the world in the way of the cross, trusting your promise: no power can silence you, no grave will finally contain your Life.

With all creation that waits and groans, and with all the saints who trust your promise, 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



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Ah, Holy Jesus

ELW 349



1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed that man to
 2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my
 3 Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered; the slave hath
 4 For me, kind Je - sus, was thine in - car - na - tion, thy mor - tal
 5 There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee, I do a -



judge thee hath in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,
 trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,
 sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for man's a - tone - ment,
 sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion; thy death of an - guish
 dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee; think on thy pit - y



by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.
 I it was de - nied thee; I cru - ci - fied thee.
 while he noth - ing heed - eth, God in - ter - ced - eth.
 and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.
 and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. Robert Bridges, 1844–1930, alt.
 Music: HERZLIEBSTER JESU, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

There in God's Garden

ELW 342

1 There in God's gar - den stands the Tree of Wis - dom,
 2 Its name is Je - sus, name that says, "Our Sav - ior!"
 3 Thorns not its own are tan - gled in its fo - liage;
 4 See how its branch - es reach to us in wel - come;

whose leaves hold forth the heal - ing of the na - tions:
 There on its branch - es see the scars of suf - f'ring;
 our greed has starved it, our de - spite has choked it.
 hear what the Voice says, "Come to me, ye wea - ry!"



Tree of all knowl - edge, Tree of all com -
 see there the ten - drills of our hu - man
 Yet, look! it lives! its grief has not de -
 Give me your sick - ness, give me all your

pas - sion, Tree of all beau - ty.
 self - hood feed on its life - blood.
 stroyed it nor fire con - sumed it.
 sor - row, I will give bless - ing.”

5 This is my ending,
 this my resurrection;
 into your hands, Lord,
 I commit my spirit.
 This have I searched for;
 now I can possess it.
 This ground is holy.

6 All heav'n is singing,
 “Thanks to Christ whose passion
 offers in mercy
 healing, strength, and pardon.
 Peoples and nations,
 take it, take it freely!”
 Amen! My Master!

Text: Király Imre von Pécselyi, c. 1590–c. 1641; tr. Erik Routley, 1917–1982
 Music: K. Lee Scott, b. 1950
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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

Christ, the Life of All the Living

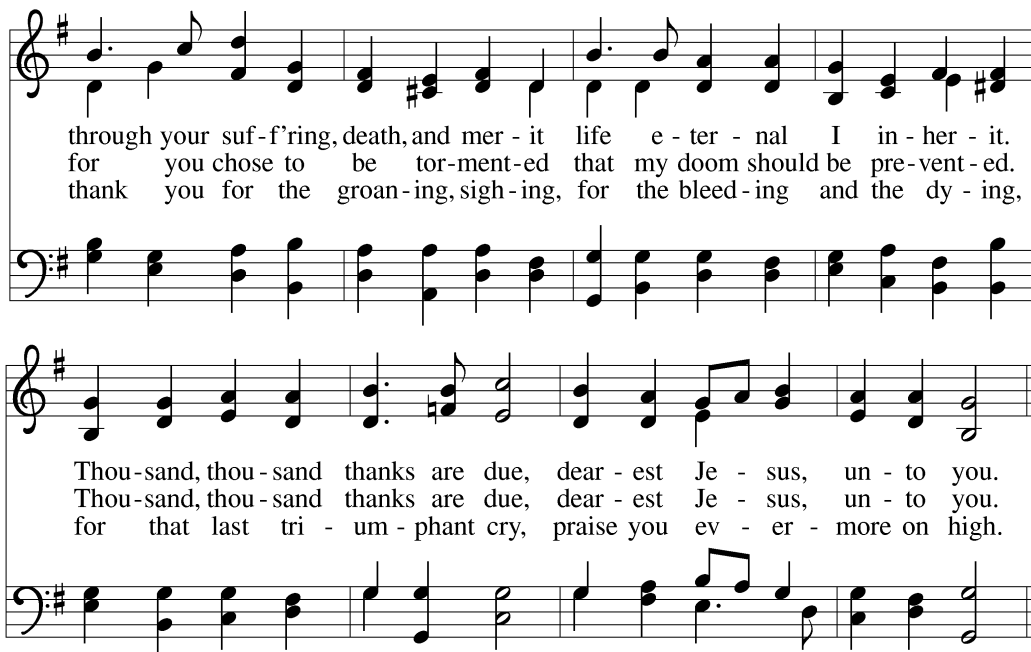
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1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of death, our foe,
2 You have suf - fered great af - flic - tion and have borne it pa - tient - ly,
3 Then, for all that bought my par - don, for the sor - rows deep and sore,

Christ, your - self for me once giv - ing to the dark - est depths of woe:
e - ven death by cru - ci - fix - ion, ful - ly to a - tone for me;
for the an - guish in the gar - den, I will thank you ev - er - more;

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The first system contains three lines of lyrics. The second system contains two lines of lyrics. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and moving lines.





through your suf-f'ring, death, and mer - it life e - ter - nal I in - her - it.
for you chose to be tor-ment-ed that my doom should be pre-vent-ed.
thank you for the groan-ing, sigh-ing, for the bleed-ing and the dy - ing,

Thou-sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.
Thou-sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.
for that last tri - um - phant cry, praise you ev - er - more on high.

Text: Ernst Christoph Homburg, 1605–1681; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
Music: JESU, MEINES LEBENS LEBEN, *Das grosse Cantional*, Darmstadt, 1687

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Believe the good news.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

**JOIN US IN THE SOCIAL ROOM FOR A
PALM/PASSION SUNDAY BREAKFAST!**

Come be fed by food and fellowship!

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

JOIN US FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

❖ **Maundy Thursday: Thursday, April 2 at 7:00 p.m.**



❖ **Good Friday: Friday, April 3 at 7:00 p.m.**



❖ **Easter Sunday: Sunday, April 5 at 9:00 a.m.**



THIS WEEK AT ZION

Sunday, March 29 – *Welcome Pastor Beth Martini as guest preacher*

**The altar flowers are sponsored by Jo Stone in honor of Derek's birthday today!*

**The bulletins are given to the glory of God.*

**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_pExuVhcUfI2cSw

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

Brunch – Following Worship (Social Room)

No Adult Sunday School (come to the brunch instead!)

Monday, March 30

Food Pantry – 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Tuesday, March 31

Bible Study – 9 a.m. (Parlor)

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

Wednesday, April 1

Food Pantry – 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Thursday, April 2 – *Maundy Thursday*

Choir – 6 p.m.

Maundy Thursday Worship – 7 p.m. (Sanctuary)

Friday, April 3 – *Good Friday*

Good Friday Worship – 7 p.m. (Sanctuary)

Saturday, April 4

Sunday, April 5 – *Easter Sunday*

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

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

Adult Sunday School – Will resume next Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

Parlor Class: *This class is studying the Gospel of Mark with a video presentation by Amy-Jill (AJ) Levine. AJ provides unique insights into the interpretation of the gospel from a Jewish perspective.*

Wired Word: *This class explores scripture through the lens of contemporary issues and current events.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS, UPDATES, & EVENTS

DAILY DEVOTIONALS

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

JOYFUL NOISE OFFERING: GLOBAL REFUGE

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

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

BIBLE STUDY

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

COMFORTER MINISTRY

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

JOURNEYS: A GROUP TO SUPPORT WELLNESS

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

UPDATED DIRECTORY

Copies of the updated directory are available on the ushers' table in the narthex and on the window ledge in the back hallway across from the choir room.

COMMUNITY MEAL

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

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Thank you for the 166 pounds of food items collected for the pantry in February! Last month, the pantry served 1,669 people – 480 children, 836 adults, and 353 seniors – and among them, there were 15 new families that registered. The pantry is grateful for the volunteers who keep the ministry running, Thank you to the 48 volunteers who contributed 551 combined hours last month.

UPDATED PANTRY LIST OF REQUESTED ITEMS

*Cereal	*Spam	*Spaghetti	*Canned spaghetti sauce
*Canned beets	*Canned peaches	*Jelly (Please no glass jars!)	

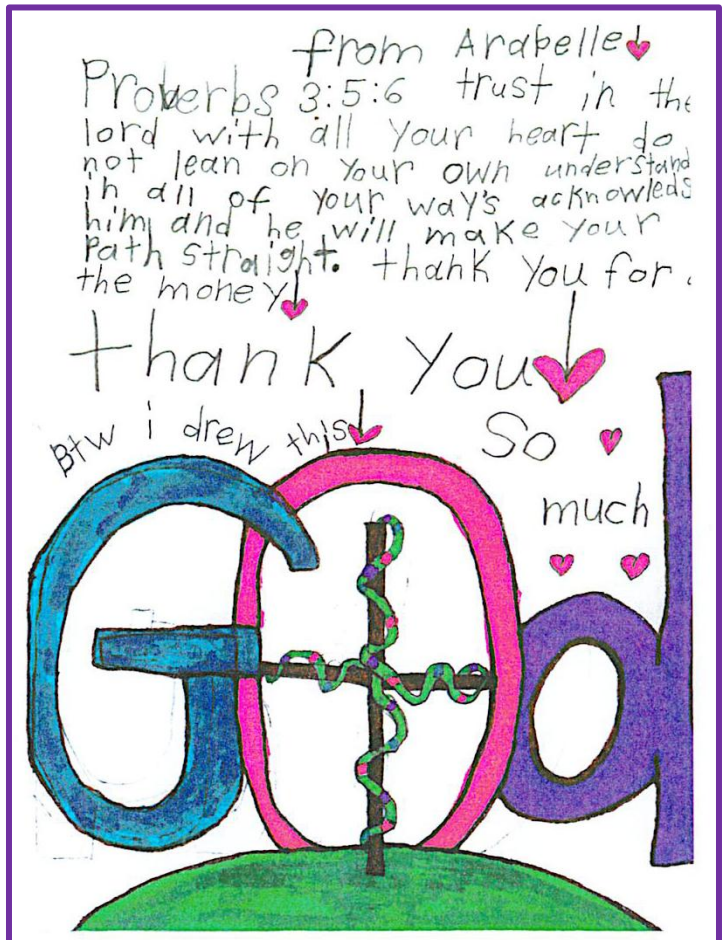
WITH A THANKFUL HEART ...

Thank you for all the love, support, and generous gifts you sent to my daughter Arabelle and me [at Christmas].

It was a year full of trauma and soul-wrenching heartache -- yet the Lord sustained us and provided through you and so many others.

Thank you and the Lord bless you and your families.

*Love, Randi
(Arabelle's momma)*



CHURCH EVENTS AT A GLANCE

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

MARCH

- 29: Palm/Passion Sunday Worship (9 a.m.; Guest preacher Rev. Beth Martini)
- 29: Brunch following worship in Social Room
- 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)
- 25: Model Club (5:00 p.m.; Social Room)
- 26: Fenice Choir Concert (3:00 p.m.; Etown College)

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)

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 tomorrow, Monday, March 30.

91st BIRTHDAY CARD SHOWER

Connie Grow turns 91 on April 10! Send a card to help her celebrate this milestone birthday! Cards can be mailed to her at:

c/o Landis Homes
Cedar Room 50
1001 Oregon Rd.
Lititz, PA 17543



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



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2026 EARTH DAY GATHERINGS



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 by April 10



EARTH DAY AT THE WITTEL FARM April 25 from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Serving the Earth is a Sacred Act of Love
Join our staff for hands-on service learning:

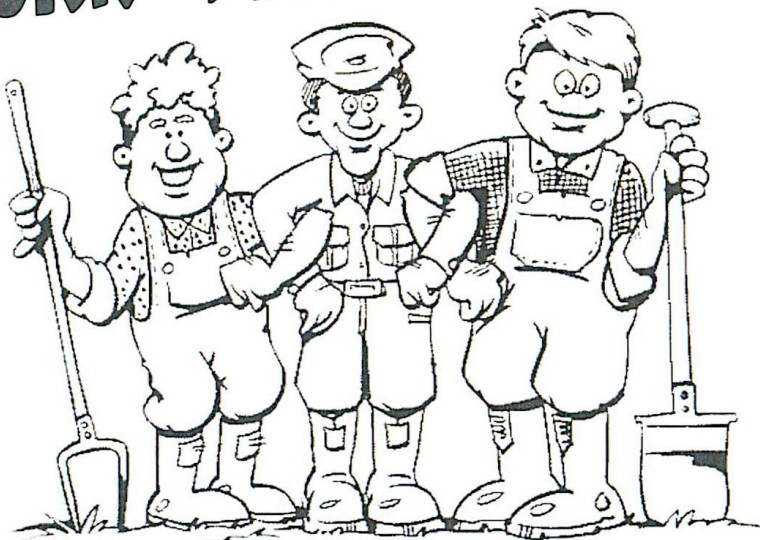
*Native tree-planting

*Community composting workshop: Turning food waste into

*Basic Botany: Learn from our farm educator about the

The Lutheran Camping Corporation presents...

WORK DAYS AT CAMP



SATURDAY, APRIL 11 - NAWAKWA, 9:00 AM

SATURDAY, APRIL 25 - KIRCHENWALD, 8:30-4

Volunteers needed to do general housekeeping,
gardening, painting, carpentry, and other tasks.

A noon meal will be provided.

So that enough food can be prepared, please RSVP at
LutheranCamping.org or 717-677-8211



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CARE TEAM SPRING INITIATIVE

We are marching into another year of community outreach!

Similar to what was done in the past, the 2026 spring initiative will focus on supporting women's shelters in the community!

Handbags and personal items were provided to shelters last year, and stuffed animals for children at the Penn State Pediatric Clinic were distributed the year before. This year, cleaning and hygiene supplies, as well as food items, will be collected to then share with women and children in need.

The most pressing need is for cleaning supplies, although the personal hygiene supplies and the food items (which were requested specifically for the children in the shelters) are also nonetheless important.

When members of the Care Team reached out to the shelters, the responses were full of gratitude and delight. These kinds of relational connections share God's love with others in meaningful, heartfelt, and nurturing ways.

WE ARE COUNTING ON YOU, ZION!

Let's continue the community connections by offering these gifts, shining light as a beacon of hope to those in need.

****Please place all donated items in the bins across from the coffee table.****

REQUESTED ITEMS

CLEANING SUPPLIES

Toilet Bowl Cleaner
Comet
Paper Towels
Liquid Hand Soap
Reusable Rubber Gloves
Toilet Paper

HYGIENE SUPPLIES

Toothpaste
Deodorant
Shampoo
Conditioner

FOOD ITEMS

Microwaveable Mac & Cheese
Chef Boyardee
McDonald's Gift Certificates

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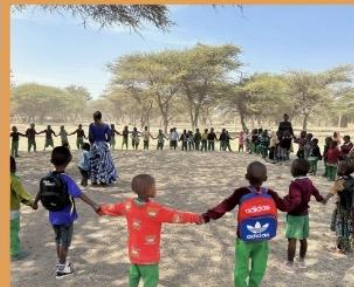
Saturday, May 30 @ 1:00 PM

ST. PAUL PENRYN 1258 NEWPORT RD. PENRYN

\$30 REGISTRATION FEE PER TEAM

Soft Pretzels & Beer by donation.

Dogs & kids welcome



TO REGISTER CALL 717.665.6093

OR EMAIL

STPAULPEN@GMAIL.COM

PRAYER LIST

HEALING

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

COMFORT, PEACE, STRENGTH, & SAFETY

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

PROTECTION FOR MILITARY & FIRST RESPONDERS

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

WIDER CHURCH

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

CELEBRATING

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

March 30: Kristen Sperry

April 1: Delaney Klepper

April 4: Birgitte Chapman

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
Maundy Thursday Worship April 2 @ 7:00 p.m.
Good Friday Worship April 3 @ 7:00 p.m.
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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