

FAITHFULNESS

Mid-Week Lenten Service

March 9, 2022 – 7:00 PM



ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

85 E. Brandt Boulevard

Landisville, PA

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

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P: Pastor C: Congregation

Our midweek Lenten services this season will explore various aspects of the Christian faith and its prayer forms. Today we discuss Faithfulness.

WELCOME

Please stand if you are able.

P: The love of God poured into our hearts, the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and the abundant life of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

OPENING PRAYER

P: O God, rich in mercy, full of kindness, out of your great love, you raise us up from sin and death and make us alive together with Christ. Write your word upon our hearts and restore us to the image of your love that, by your Spirit, our way of life may become the way of Christ, through whom we pray.

C: **Amen.**

A READING

“The Things That Count”

Ella Wheeler Wilcox

Now, dear, it isn't the bold things,

Great deeds of valour and might,

That count the most in the summing up of life at the end of the day.

But it is the doing of old things,

Small acts that are just and right;

And doing them over and over again, no matter what others say;

In smiling at fate, when you want to cry, and in keeping at work when you want to play—

Dear, those are the things that count.

And, dear, it isn't the new ways

Where the wonder-seekers crowd

That lead us into the land of content, or help us to find our own.

But it is keeping to true ways,

Though the music is not so loud,



*And there may be many a shadowed spot where we journey along alone;
In flinging a prayer at the face of fear, and in changing into a song a groan—
Dear, these are the things that count.*

*My dear, it isn't the loud part
Of creeds that are pleasing to God,
Not the chant of a prayer, or the hum of a hymn, or a jubilant shout or song.
But it is the beautiful proud part
Of walking with feet faith-shod;
And in loving, loving, loving through all, no matter how things go wrong;
In trusting ever, though dark the day, and in keeping your hope when the way seems
long—
Dear, these are the things that count.*

This poem is in the public domain.
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THE GOSPEL – Luke 4:1-14

¹Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ²where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." ⁴Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

⁵Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." ⁸Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

⁹Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' ¹¹and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

¹²Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ¹³When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

¹⁴Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country.

THE MESSAGE

Pastor Sell

You are invited over the five midweek services of Lent to experience prayer through all the senses. Tonight, we experience prayer through sight using the Visio Divina.

P: In Christ Jesus we meet the God who knows our weakness and bears the wounds of the world. Therefore, let us be bold as we pray, trusting that God draws near to those in any kind of need.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.**

PRAYER

P: God of all compassion, gather our prayers in your mercy and grant to us what you know we need, that we may walk in the life and peace of your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our hope and salvation.

C: **Amen.**

THE BLESSING

P: Christ Jesus dwell in your hearts through faith, as we are being rooted and grounded in love, strengthened by the Spirit, and filled with the fullness of God.

C: **Amen.**



April 10

Palm Sunday Worship

9:00 a.m.

April 14

Maundy Thursday

7:00 p.m.

April 15

Good Friday

7:00 p.m.

April 17

Easter Sunday Worship

9:00 a.m.