

# March 1, 2026 – Second Sunday of Lent



## WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

We are glad to be gathered with you. If you are visiting with us for the first time, please ask an usher to answer any questions you may have. Cameras are in use for livestreaming the worship service.

During the season of Lent, the altar flowers are removed and will return on Easter Sunday.

8:30 a.m.

Assisting Minister — Jeff Livingston  
 Acolyte —  
 Greeters — Frank & Bonnie Stanski  
 Ushers — Barb & Steve Surhoff  
 Altar Guild — Bonnie Stanski

11:00 a.m.

Assisting Minister — Brian Reilly  
 Acolyte — Leah Batkowski  
 Greeters — David & Elizabeth Blackwood  
 Ushers — Bob Fritsche & David Wintemute  
 Altar Guild — Lynn Fuller & Dorothy Wuest

Opening Hymn	<i>"What Wondrous Love is This"</i>	ELW 666
Hymn of the Day	<i>"Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters"</i>	ELW 445
Closing Hymn (11 a.m.)	<i>"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"</i>	ELW 803



## February 22nd Attendance

<u>8:30 a.m.</u>	<u>11:00 a.m.</u>
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This week's **Lenten Midweek Gathering** will be held at the Church of the Holy Spirit in Lebanon on Wednesday, March 4th. The Soup Supper is at 6:30 p.m. and the study begins at 7:15 p.m.

## Financial Summary YTD

### INCOME

\$23,306

### EXPENSES

-\$26,590

### DIFFERENCE

-\$3,284



The **Feed My Starving Children MobilePack** will be held this Friday and Saturday. Volunteers are still needed for hosting this event. Please sign up via the link that was emailed from the Parish Office.



Mark your calendars for Zion's annual **Egg-Stravaganza!** During the Sunday School hour on Sunday, March 8th, we will be getting ready for Easter by serving our community as well as our Zion congregation. Together we will decorate hard-boiled eggs to be donated to our ministry partner, Faith Kitchen. We will also help stuff the plastic eggs that will be hidden for the Easter Egg Hunt. Come be a part of this exciting yearly tradition!

**Please note:** We rely on donations for this project so if you are willing and able, please consider bringing a dozen or more hard-boiled eggs to the CEB refrigerator any time between March 1st and March 8th. Thank you for supporting our young people and their service to the community!



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Scan the QR code to make a contribution to Zion via Venmo.



On March 13th, Zion's Parish Life committee is hosting a **Parents' Night Out!** The evening will run from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. and there is no charge for this event. Please sign up via the link emailed from the Parish Office.



All are invited to join Betty Lanka on March 14th at 10:00 a.m. to make **Chrismon crosses** to be given as gifts to our First Communion students this spring. Participants do not need to bring anything, and beginners are most welcome! Please contact the Parish Office to let us know if you plan to attend.



## Candlelight Meditation

Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

## First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4a

<sup>1</sup> The LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup> I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

<sup>4a</sup> So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

<sup>1</sup> What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? <sup>2</sup> For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. <sup>3</sup> For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." <sup>4</sup> Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. <sup>5</sup> But to one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

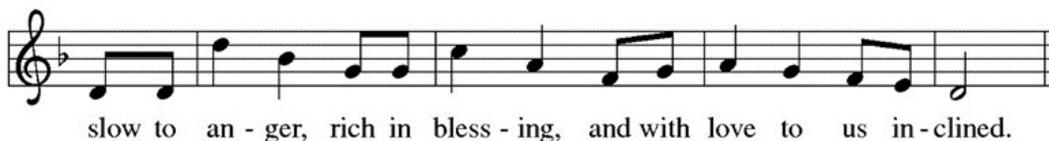
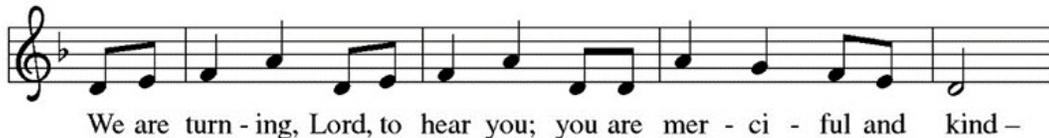
<sup>13</sup> For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup> For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup> For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

<sup>16</sup> For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup> as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

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## Gospel Acclamation



## Gospel: John 3:1-17

<sup>1</sup> Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup> He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person." <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." <sup>4</sup> Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" <sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup> What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup> Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' <sup>8</sup> The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." <sup>9</sup> Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

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<sup>11</sup> “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup> If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup> No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup> And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup> “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup> “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

*“Our Soul Waits for the Lord”* Carl Schalk

Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and shield.  
 Yea, our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name.  
 Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you. Amen.



	First Sunday	Second Sunday	Third Sunday	Fourth Sunday	Fifth Sunday
<b>March</b>	3/1	3/8	3/15	3/22	3/29
<b>Sunday School Theme:</b> Getting Ready	All School Event: Lent	Service Project: Egg-Stravaganza!	Bible Lesson: Pool of Siloam	Bible Lesson: Lazarus	<b>NO SUNDAY SCHOOL</b> (10am Single Service for Palm Sunday)
<b>Special Events</b>					Sunday School students singing in Palm Sunday worship service!
<b>April</b>	4/5	4/12	4/19	4/26	
<b>Sunday School Theme:</b> God's Light	<b>NO SUNDAY SCHOOL</b> for Easter Sunday	Service Project:	Bible Lesson: Road to Emmaus	Bible Lesson: Early Believers	
<b>Special Events</b>					