

Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church!

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*Rooted in Faith   \*   Growing in Spirit   \*   Reaching out to Those in Need*  
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10:45 am Fifth Sunday in Lent/First Communion Sunday March 18, 2018

God promises Jeremiah that a “new covenant” will be made in the future: a covenant that will allow all the people to know God by heart. The church sees this promise fulfilled in Christ, who draws all people to himself when he is lifted up on the cross. Our baptismal covenant draws us to God’s heart through Christ and draws God’s light and truth into our hearts. We see God’s heart most clearly in the way Jesus shares human suffering, in an agony both the John and Hebrews readings describe.

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE TALK

Lutherans Outdoors in South Dakota

RECOGNITION OF FIRST COMMUNION YOUTH

GATHERING

GATHERING SONG (please stand) “Holy Is The Lord”

We stand and lift up our hands,
For the joy of the Lord is our strength.
We bow down and worship Him now.
How great, how awesome is He.
And together we sing,
Everyone sing.

Holy is the Lord, God Almighty,
The earth is filled with His glory.
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The earth is filled with His glory.
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Holy is the Lord, God Almighty,
The earth is filled with His glory.
Holy is the Lord, God Almighty,
The earth is filled with His glory.
The earth is filled with His glory.

It is rising up all around;
It’s the anthem of the Lord’s renown.
It is rising up all around;
It’s the anthem of the Lord’s renown.

And together we sing,
Everyone sing.
Holy is the Lord, God Almighty,
The earth is filled with His glory.
Holy is the Lord, God Almighty,
The earth is filled with His glory.
The earth is filled with His glory.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(please stand)*

God of steadfast love,
we crowd our lives with so much activity that it is hard to find time for listening to you.
We become so focused on ourselves,
we can overlook those around us who are searching for hope.
We fill our spiritual emptiness with junk,
rather than feasting on your Word.
God of mercy, forgive us.
Open our eyes that we may see your new covenant written in plain sight on our hearts.
Open our hearts,
that we may join you in serving the broken of the world.
Open our love and mercy,
so we may pour it out as abundantly and graciously as your love and mercy is given to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The One who makes a covenant on our hearts is faithful, and forgives us our sins and failures. Though we were dead through our sins, in great mercy, God has spoken a word of healing and made us alive together with Christ. Sisters and brothers, your sins are forgiven, in the name of † Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God! *(please be seated)*

SPECIAL MUSIC

**“Jesus Loves Me”
Sue Gates**

Lorie Line

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

WORD

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Pew Bible, OT p. 817

Word of God, Word of life.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 119:9-16

(read responsively)

⁹How shall the young keep their way clean?
By keeping to your word.
¹⁰**With my whole heart I seek you;
let me not stray from your commandments.**
¹¹I treasure your promise in my heart,
that I may not sin against you.
¹²**Blessed are you, O LORD;
instruct me in your statutes.**
¹³With my lips I recite
all the judgments of your mouth.
¹⁴**I take greater delight in the way of your decrees
than in all manner of riches.**
¹⁵I will meditate on your commandments
and give attention to your ways.
¹⁶**My delight is in your statutes;
I will not forget your word.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(please stand)* **“Jesus, You Have Given Me”**

Jesus, You have given me all of your grace so tenderly.
I lift my hands and praise your name.
Jesus, You have given me all of your love on Calvary.
I lift my heart into your hands.

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I lift my heart into your hands.

The holy gospel according to John chapter 12.
Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

John 12:20-33

Pew Bible NT, p. 110

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ. *(please be seated)*

MESSAGE

Pastor Marcia

SONG OF THE DAY

“Worthy Is the Lamb”

Thank you for the cross, Lord.
Thank you for the price You paid.
Bearing all my sin and shame,
In love You came and gave amazing grace.
Thank you for this love, Lord.
Thank You for the nail-pierced hands.
Wash me in Your cleansing flow;
Now all I know, Your forgiveness and embrace.

Worthy is the Lamb
Seated on the throne.
Crown You now with many crowns;
You reign victorious high and lifted up.
Jesus, Son of God, the darling of heaven crucified.
Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb.

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OFFERING

The children are welcome to come forward and place their offerings in the “For Children Everywhere” box.

OFFERING SONG

“Give Thanks”

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because he’s given Jesus Christ, his Son.
Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because he’s given Jesus Christ, his Son.
And now, let the weak say, “I am strong,” let the poor say, “I am rich,”
Because of what the Lord has done for us.
And now let the weak say, “I am strong,” let the poor say, “I am rich,”
Because of what the Lord has done for us.
Give thanks, give thanks, give thanks, give thanks!

OFFERING PRAYER *(please stand)*

Thank you, Lord, for making us yours through the sacrifice of your Son. Let your Holy Spirit live in us to make us more and more like Christ. Lead us to serve others with all that you have given us, through Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

MEAL

RITE OF FIRST COMMUNION

We celebrate with our Zion 5th graders as they receive their first Holy Communion today. 5th graders and their families will receive Communion first, followed by the rest of the congregation.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 *(please be seated)*

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SUPPER

*All are welcome at the Lord's table. Please come forward as directed by the ushers.
Grape juice and gluten free wafers are available; please indicate to the server by raising your hand.*

DISTRIBUTION SONG

“Glorify Thy Name”

Father, we love you, we worship and adore You,

Glorify thy name in all the earth;

Glorify thy name, glorify thy name,

Glorify thy name in all the earth.

Jesus, we love you, we worship and adore You,

Glorify thy name in all the earth;

Glorify thy name, glorify thy name,

Glorify thy name in all the earth.

Spirit, we love you, we worship and adore You,

Glorify thy name in all the earth;

Glorify thy name, glorify thy name,

Glorify thy name in all the earth.

(Instrumental verse)

Glorify thy name, glorify thy name,

Glorify thy name in all the earth.

Glorify thy name, glorify thy name,

Glorify thy name in all the earth.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(please stand)*

Merciful God, you saved humankind by the death and resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Through this Sacrament, strengthen our faith in him who suffered on the cross, so that we may triumph in the power of his victory.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

May God who has called us forth from the dust of the earth and claimed us as children of the light, strengthen you with His Word of life. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you ☩ peace. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Marked with the cross of Christ, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SENDING SONG

“Love the Lord”

Love the Lord your God with all your heart,

With all your soul, with all your mind

And with all your strength.

Love the Lord your God with all your heart,

With all your soul, with all your mind

And with all your strength.

With all your heart, with all your soul,
With all your mind, with all your strength.
Love the Lord your God with all your heart,
With all your soul, with all your mind,
And with all your strength.

I will serve the Lord with all my heart,
With all my soul, with all my mind,
And with all my strength.
I will serve the Lord with all my heart,
With all my soul, with all my mind,
And with all my strength.

With all my heart, with all my soul,
With all my mind, with all my strength.
I will serve the Lord with all my heart,
With all my soul, with all my mind,
And with all my strength.

With all my heart, with all my soul,
With all my mind, with all my strength
With all my heart, with all my soul,
With all my mind, with all my strength.

I will love you Lord with all my heart,
With all my soul, with all my mind,
With all my strength.
I will love you Lord with all my heart,
With all my soul, with all my mind,
With all my strength.

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