THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT March 23, 2025



ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Cultivating communities of caring and belonging as champions of the gospel by being rooted in faith, growing in spirit, and reaching out to those in need

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Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church

We are grateful you chose to worship with us. Your participation is an honor to our community, and we invite you to immerse yourself into the unique expression of Lutheran flavored faith. We love Christ deeply and believe it is He alone that saves, freeing us to respond with joy for all the creator has done, guided by the Advocate to serve the neighbor.

Whether you are a visitor or a long-time member, we invite you to fill out the "Welcome to Zion" connection card, especially if you have any pastoral needs, interests in ministry, or wish to communicate with the office for support.

Small guests are invited to take and utilize the worship toolboxes and bags in the pews or immerse themselves in the Prayground at the rear of the sanctuary. There is also a nursery located next to the restrooms in the hallway between the Sanctuary and the Fellowship Hall, along with changing stations in both restrooms for your convenience.

> Your siblings in Christ, Zion Lutheran Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

GATHERING SONG **Once Again** CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (please stand) SONG OF REFLECTION **I Believe in Jesus** GREETING PRAYER OF THE DAY

WORD

KIDS' TIME (please be seated)PSALMPsalm 119:167-176Pew Bible OT, pg. 613PREPARING FOR THE WORDSONG OF PREPARATIONJesus, You Have...(please stand)GOSPELLuke 15:1-32Pew Bible NT, pg. 68SERMON (please be seated)SONG OF THE DAYFaithful Father

OFFERING

APOSTLES' CREED (please stand) PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer**. SHARING OF THE PEACE OFFERING (please be seated) OFFERING SONG **Create in Me** OFFERING PRAYER (please stand)

<u>MEAL</u>

GREAT THANKSGIVING LITANY WORDS OF INSTITUTION LORD'S PRAYER INVITATION TO COMMUNION *(please be seated)* COMMUNION SONG **Amazing Love** BLESSING & PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION MINISTRY MOMENT

SENDING

BENEDICTION (please stand) SENDING SONG **Glorious Day** SENDING WORDS & POSTLUDE

IN OUR PRAYERS

As a community of faith, we are connected through joy, sorrow, and worship and called to pray without ceasing. Please pray with us for: Delbert Rohrbach, Lois Leicht, Lyle Johnsen, Janice Grieben, Magdalen Rohrbach

And for those with long-term care needs:

Alyssa Weber, Kathy Johnson, Jerry Gab, Barb Gardner, Ken Cordingley, Esther Ottenbacher, Norma Nielsen, Sharon Wagemann, Kari Brown, Sharon Paranto, Dal Golz

ZIONS' RADIO BROADCAST

Today's broadcast is sponsored by Kathy Heffernan in memory of Clayton and Jacky Ross' 68th wedding anniversary, which would have been today. They are now celebrating with all the angels of heaven.

If you are interested in sponsoring a broadcast, please call the church office or sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex. You can listen along on KSDN radio (930 AM & 102.1 FM) at 9:00 AM each Sunday.

MARCH STEWARDSHIP LOVE OFFERINGS

Theme for the month: Shelter Under the Savior

Church Ministry Focus: Zion Lutheran Church Women Special & Noisy Offering: Journey Home & Lutheran Disaster Response Special Activities: Ashes to Go on March 5 from 6:00-9:00 AM Ash Wed. Services on 3/5 at 12:15 PM & 6:05 PM

Bible Study at 10:15 on March 9, 16, 23, 30; April 2 Collecting tangible goods for the Salvation Army

For support of Zion ministries please consider electronic **GIVEPLUS** giving. If you have a smart phone, you can simply scan the code, and it will take you directly to our "Giving"

page on the Zion website. You can also take advantage of the 🔲 💥 🖓 🔲 GivePlus mobile app for your smart phone to make giving even more convenient. Just download the GivePlus app, find Zion Lutheran Church, and choose your amount!



Do you need an easy way to contribute to the church? Text giving is a powerful way to give in a matter of seconds. Send a text with your offering amount to (844-771-9038). It's simple and secure.

THIS WEEK AT ZION

SUNDAY—March 23

9:00 AM Worship 10:15 AM Fellowship 10:15 AM Bible Study 11:00 AM Council Meeting

MONDAY—March 24 1:00 PM Quilters 5:30 PM Table of Plenty

TUESDAY—March 25 10:00 AM Staff meeting

WEDNESDAY—March 26

11:30 AM Lunch
12:15 PM Worship
1:00 PM Cardmakers
1:30 PM Newsletter assembly
5:15 PM Supper
6:05 PM Worship
8:00 PM Men's fellowship

THURSDAY—March 27

1:00 PM Quilters 2:00 PM Women's Meeting

FRIDAY—March 28

7:30 AM Drive Up Donuts

SUNDAY—March 30

9:00 AM Worship 10:15 AM Fellowship 10:15 AM Faith Explorers 10:15 AM 4&5 faith milestone

RUMMAGE SALE—There will be a youth rummage sale on Saturday, April 5 from 8 AM—12 PM. Donations will be collected starting the week of March 30. Please keep us in mind as you organize!

SAVE THE DATE

- 4th & 5th Grade Milestone
- Rummage Sale
- First Communion Class
- Easter
- Chords of Joy

March 30 @ 10:15 AM April 5 from 8 AM—12 PM April 16 @ 6:00 PM April 20 @ 9:00 AM May 4 @ 2:00 PM

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLUCK A DUCK FUNDRAISER—Support the Milwaukee Mission Trip participants by playing Pluck a Duck! The idea is simple: pick a duck and pay the amount shown on the bottom. Possible amounts include \$5, \$10, \$15, \$20, or a free will offering. The booth will be set up in the narthex throughout the month of March on Sunday mornings, so be sure to stop by and try your luck!

HYMN SING—Next Sunday, March 30, will be a hymn sing Sunday! We'll gather song suggestions 15 minutes before worship. Be thinking of your favorite hymns you'd like to hear! **MEN'S FELLOWSHIP**—will be held on Wednesday, March 26 @ 8:00 PM at the Circus. This is intended to be informal and an opportunity to get to know one another. Please invite a friend, and we will see you there!

DRIVE UP DONUTS—The next Drive Up Donuts will be held on Friday, March 28 from 7:30-8:00 AM. Swing through the south parking lot on the last Friday of the month for free donuts and a devotion on your way to school or work. This event is open to <u>all</u>.

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES—Join us for midweek Lenten services that focus on Living as Light. Service times are 12:15 PM and 6:05 PM, with a meal served before each service (11:30 AM and 5:15 PM).

One of the many ways to live as light in the world is to support others as they find shelter under the love of God. Missional Life has set up collection boxes in the narthex and fellowship hall for food items to benefit the Salvation Army and all who use their services. Salvation Army has expressed a need for the following:

- Individually-packed servings for the Snack Pack Program—apple sauce, pudding, granola bars, etc.
- General food items for the pantry—cereal, canned goods, other non-perishable food items.

TABLE OF PLENTY—The next Table of Plenty meal will be served on Monday, March 24 from 5:30-7:00 PM in the Zion fellowship hall. The meal is sponsored by an anonymous donor and will be fried chicken, macaroni and cheese, green beans, and dessert. We hope to see you there for some delicious food and fellowship! If you know of anyone wishing to sponsor a meal in the coming months, please have them contact the church office.

THANKS AND PRAISE FOR TODAY'S SUPPORT TEAM	
Worship Assistant: Mike Bretsch	Lector: Sharon Stroschein
Sound: Zach Anderson	Van Driver: Jerold Gehring
PowerPoint: Wanda Wagemann	
Communion: Chase Hawkinson; Jeremy Schutter	
Ushers: Joel & Jane Albrecht; Bob & Pam Seyer	
Greeters: Aileen Kolb; Lavina Nelson	
Praise Band: Stephanie Hawkinson, Stacy Geffre, Phyllis Gab, Vicki Carlson,	
Garry Johnson, Mike German, Cadynce German, Lexi LaFave	
Altar Guild: Nicole Kempf; Deb Hardy	
Coffee Hosts: Harvey & Deb Hardy; the Kempf family	