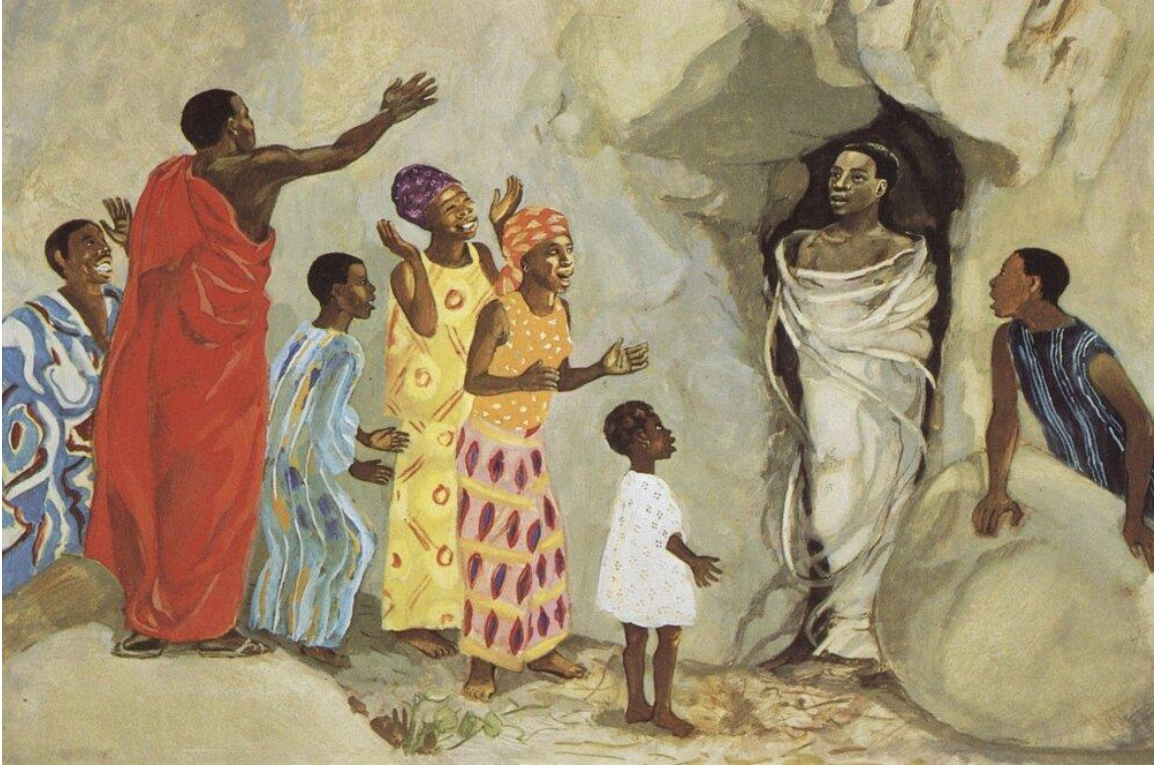


## FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023



*“Raising of Lazarus” – Jesus MAFA*

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
who journeys with us these forty days,  
and sustains us with the gift of grace.

**Amen.**

Let us acknowledge before God and one another  
our need for repentance and God’s mercy.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy God,  
**we confess to you our faults and failings.**  
**Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word;**  
**we take for ourselves instead of giving to others;**  
**we spoil rather than steward your creation;**  
**we cause hurt though you call us to heal;**  
**we choose fear over compassion.**  
**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,**  
**as we seek to follow in your way of life.**  
**Amen.**

Hear the good news:  
God so loved the world that God gave the only Son,  
so that all may receive life.  
This promise is for you!  
God embraces you with divine mercy and in the  
name of ✝ Christ, you are forgiven all of your sins.  
Go forth and be revived in the Spirit’s power.  
**Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN:

## “Christ Is the Life”

KINGSFOLD



1 Christ is the life of all that is, God's pure cre - a - tive Word,  
2 Christ is the death of all that is, a broad and beck - 'ning tomb,  
3 Christ is the death of all that is, a bright, con - sum - ing fire,  
4 Christ is the life of all that is, Be - gin - ning and the End;



whose pow'r be - yond and through all space the worlds to Be - ing stirred.  
who wel - comes us from well - worn ways to dark-ness of the womb.  
whose flames re - quire our pri - or self as kin-dling for the pyre.  
cre - a - tive force, most peace - ful death, trans - form - ing burn - ing brand.



Christ is the life be - yond all time, cre - a - tion's birth and breath,  
Christ is the death, the sink - ing down past all de - sire and fear,  
Christ is the death of dust - y days of un - cre - a - tive strife,  
Christ is the life, in whose wise love cre - a - tion lives and dies



whose la - bor brings all things to be and brings all things to death.  
whose prom - ise in the gen - tle dark bids new - ness to ap - pear.  
for out from fire we tread up - on the thresh - old of new life.  
and thus for - ev - er - more shall bless the Source, the liv - ing Christ.

Text: Susan Palo Cherwien

Music: KINGSFOLD, English melody

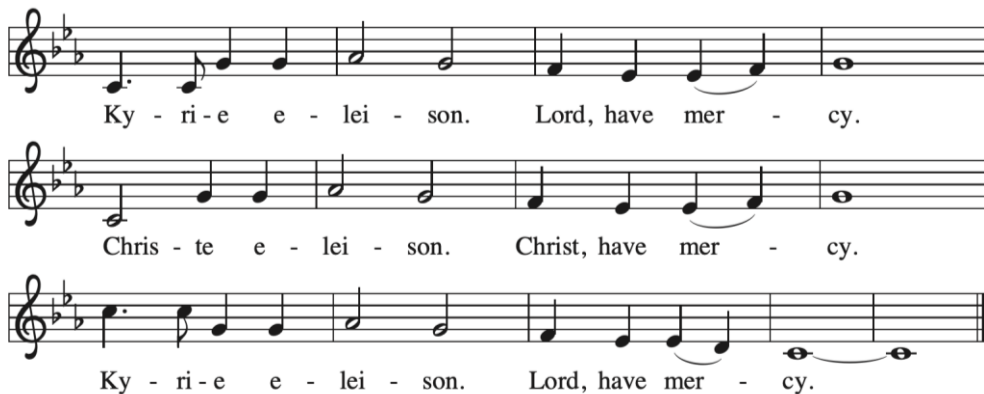
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## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## KYRIE



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## FIRST READING: Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord GOD, you know.' Then he said to me, 'Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD.' So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them.

Then he said to me, 'Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, 'Mortal,

these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, “Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.” Therefore, prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.’

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 130

*The psalm is chanted responsively between the choir and assembly.*



<sup>1</sup>Out of the depths

I cry to you, O LORD;

<sup>2</sup>O LORD, hear my voice!

**Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.**

<sup>3</sup>If you were to keep watch over sins,

O LORD, who could stand?

<sup>4</sup>Yet with you is forgiveness,

**in order that you may be feared.**

<sup>5</sup>I wait for you, O LORD; my soul waits;

in your word is my hope.

<sup>6</sup>My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning,

**more than those who keep watch for the morning.**

<sup>7</sup>O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love;

with the LORD there is plentiful redemption.

<sup>8</sup>For the LORD shall redeem Israel

**from all their sins.**

## SECOND READING: Romans 8:6-11

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason, the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*



Noth-ing in all cre - a - tion can sep-a-rate us from the love of God.



Noth-ing in all cre - a - tion can sep-a-rate us from the love of God.

## GOSPEL: John 11:1-45

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the Eleventh chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, ‘Lord, he whom you love is ill.’ But when Jesus heard it, he said, ‘This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God’s glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.’ Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, ‘Let us go to Judea again.’ The disciples said to him, ‘Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?’ Jesus answered, ‘Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.’ After saying this, he told them, ‘Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.’ The disciples said to him, ‘Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.’ Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, ‘Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.’ Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow-disciples, ‘Let us also go, that we may die with him.’

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, ‘Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.’ Jesus said to her, ‘Your brother will

rise again.’ Martha said to him, ‘I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.’ Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?’ She said to him, ‘Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.’ When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, ‘The Teacher is here and is calling for you.’ And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, ‘Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.’ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, ‘Where have you laid him?’ They said to him, ‘Lord, come and see.’ Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, ‘See how he loved him!’ But some of them said, ‘Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?’ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, ‘Take away the stone.’ Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, ‘Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.’ Jesus said to her, ‘Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?’ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, ‘Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.’ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, ‘Lazarus, come out!’ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, ‘Unbind him, and let him go.’ Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## **CHILDRENS MESSAGE**

### **SERMON**

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

## **HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 333**

Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land

WEARY LAND

*The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.*



## **APOSTLES CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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 INTERCESSION**

*The assembly is seated or kneels for the prayers.*

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*The people may stand and greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.  
The assembly is seated.*

## **OFFERING**

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.*

**OFFERING ANTHEM:**      "Seed That in Earth is Dying"      arr. Bradley Ellingboe  
*Text of anthem can be found at ELW 330.*



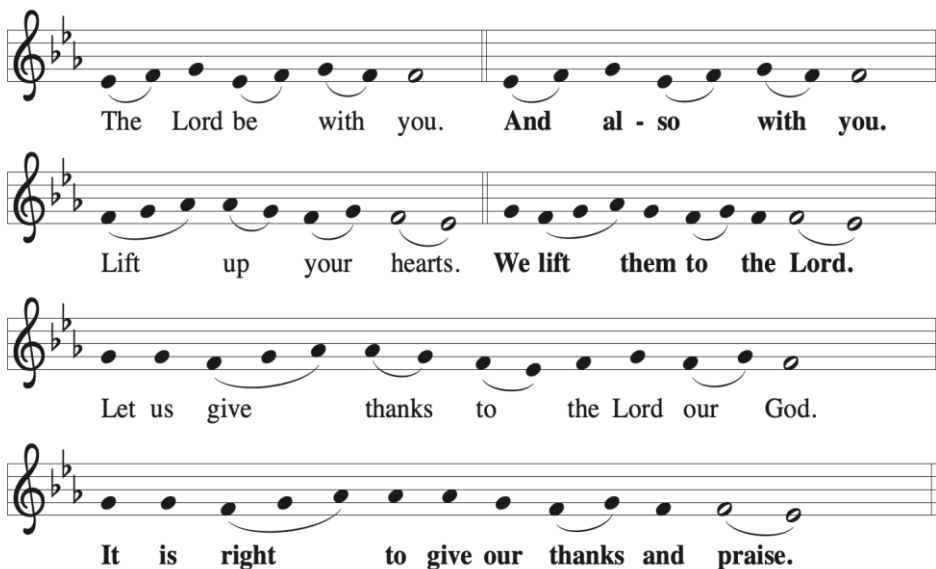
## OFFERTORY SONG: ELW 188      Create in Me a Clean Heart

*The assembly stands.*

### OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray, God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is sure. Word and water, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Receive the gifts we bring, and nourish us to proclaim your abiding love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. **Amen.**

### DIALOGUE



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

### PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ...And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and  
God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score is written on six staves in a treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The final staff ends with a double bar line.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.  
Your mercy is everlasting  
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.  
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.  
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.  
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness  
to the land of milk and honey.  
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.  
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.  
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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

With this bread and cup  
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection and new life:  
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
Bless this feast.

Grace our table with your presence.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.  
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.  
Breathe new life into us.  
Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones of all times and places,  
with the earth and all its creatures,  
with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God,  
blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER



Lord, remember us in your king - dom, and teach us to pray.



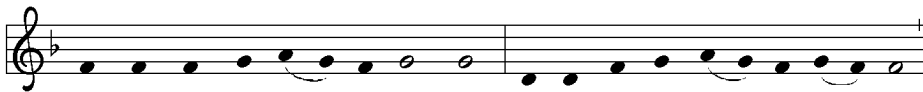
Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,



your king-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.



Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we



for-give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al



and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,



and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*All are welcome at the table Jesus Christ sets for us. Communion is by intinction throughout the duration of Lent. You will be dismissed pew by pew by an usher to come forward to the altar railing. You will receive a wafer and then you may dip it into the chalice of wine. If you wish to only receive a blessing, please motion to the pastor. Gluten Free wafers are available. For those in need of assistance, please let the ushers know, and we will commune you in your pew.*

*The assembly is seated.*

## AGNUS DEI



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.

## COMMUNION HYMNS

**ELW 485**

I Am the Bread of Life

I AM THE BREAD

**ELW 802**

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

LASSET UNS MIT JESU ZIEHEN

## BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

*The assembly stands*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray, we give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN: ELW 327** Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow EBENEZER

## DISMISSAL

The worship has ended. Now the service begins.  
Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE:****“When Jesus Wept”**

David Schelat

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The Sanctuary candle is given today in memory of Frank Heinecke from Bonnie Heinecke.

**Welcome to All Visitors:** We welcome you to worship at Zion this morning! The hymns that we sing will be out of the cranberry hymnal (**ELW**) or the purple hymnal supplement (**ACS**) in the pew. We commune with both gluten and gluten free options available as well as wine or grape juice. Please motion to the usher if you have any questions. You are also welcome to learn more about Zion at our Welcome Table in the back of the church as you first walked in. A greeter will be there to help answer any questions that you may have.

**Worship:** For those who wish to worship masked and to only sit with other masked individuals, the last 2 full length pews on the left-hand side of the Sanctuary will be reserved for that purpose. (It is not required that you sit there if you are masked, only if you wish to). If you wish to remain masked and sit where you prefer in the sanctuary, you are welcome to do so.

We hold a hospitality time after worship with coffee and goodies in our Gathering Space that you are welcome to visit to learn more about the congregation. We offer Sunday School and Confirmation for children and youth after worship as well as Adult Study time in our Gerhard Lounge. You and/or your family are welcome to drop-in and join us! We hope your worship here is fruitful and fulfilling of what you may need in your spiritual life this morning.

**Communion Distribution:** We have begun a rotational status for how communion is distributed at Zion. On the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month, we will receive communion in a single file line at the bottom of the chancel steps. On the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, we will receive communion at the railing. Intinction communion will continue throughout the season of Lent, no matter if distribution is from the floor or the railing. We will still distribute communion to those who need it from their pews as well. Questions? Please see Pastor Martha

**Today's Prelude and Postlude** are both based on the hymn “When Jesus Wept” by William Billings, considered one of America’s first choral composers and an important figure in early American church music. The text of this hymn connects Jesus’ tears in today’s gospel over his friend Lazarus’ death with his groan on the cross: “When Jesus wept, the falling tear / In mercy flowed beyond all bound; / When Jesus groaned, a

trembling fear / Seized all the guilty world around.” For more on the hymn and Billings, visit [www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/history-of-hymns-when-jesus-wept](http://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/history-of-hymns-when-jesus-wept)

**The Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.: Today** at 4pm at Berkeley Hills Lutheran Church (and livestreamed) is the synods’ celebration of the work of The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Rev. Dr. Asa Lee (President of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary) will be preaching and Bp. Kurt Kusserow (Bishop of the SWPA Synod) will be presiding. There will also be a panel discussion and food truck. Questions? See the SWPA Synod website for more details!

**Readers for Passion Sunday on April 2<sup>nd</sup>:** We are in need of **3 more readers** to help out with the dramatic reading of the Passion of our Lord from St Matthew’s account during worship on Sunday April 2<sup>nd</sup>. (No prior acting experience required!) If you are able to help with reading, please see Pastor Martha or Mr. Andrew to be assigned a part.

**Chrism Mass:** On Tuesday April 4<sup>th</sup> at 10am at First Lutheran Church (Downtown Pittsburgh) is the annual Chrism Mass. What is a Chrism Mass? It is the renewal of clergy vows (which are first taken at ordination) and also the blessing of oils which are used for the upcoming year for baptisms, confirmations, and anointing for healing. Laypeople are welcome to attend this combined observance of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh and SWPA Synod ELCA. Questions? See Pastor Martha

**Sunday School and Confirmation:** Sunday School and Confirmation meet today. Sunday School meets down in the Nursery and Confirmation meets in the Christian Education room (next to the main office). If you need your child or grandchild enrolled, please contact Ashley Faas, Deb Rall, or Pastor Martha. Thank you!

**Midweek Lent Bible Study on Wednesdays:** Join us on Wednesdays at 1pm in the Gerhard Lounge and over Zoom for a time of prayer and study during the Lenten season. This year, we will be using Esau McCauleys’ latest book, “Lent” to aid us in our discussion. If you are in need of a book and unable to order one, please let Pastor Martha know and she will get one for you.

**Lent Meager Meals:** Our Lenten Meager Meals are back! Due to availability of space, we will gather in the **GATHERING SPACE** this season and enjoy a simple meal of soup and bread from 5:30pm-6:30pm. We will have tables and chairs along with our normal hospitality setup for folks to sit and dine together before worship. For those interested in bringing soup on any Wednesday during Lent, please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex. Thank you!



**Midweek Lent Worship:** Join us on Wednesday evenings during Lent at 7pm in the Sanctuary for a time of prayer, Scripture, and song. We will be using the ELW version of Evening Prayer together as we journey with Jesus to the cross this Lenten season.

**Hospitality on Sundays Update:** As we attempt to find the best system for our hospitality time on Sundays, the parish life committee has decided to bring back the sign-up sheet system. Unlike before, this time, we will need just one person to help set-up and clean-up (and will pair with a member of parish life) and at least two people to help bring a goody to share. Anyone who wishes to bring things to share on a regular basis, you are still welcome to do so. Thank you!

**Health Ministry:** The March Health Ministry Team meeting is scheduled for **Tomorrow Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup>** at 1:00pm in the Gerhard Lounge. If you are unable to join us in person, please contact Kathy Conrad at 412.901.5388 so that she can set up a Zoom link for our meeting.

**Zion Nomination Committee:** We are in search of 2-3 congregation members to be on the Nominating Committee. What does a nominating committee do? This committee works to discern and find individuals to serve a term on the church council to replace those whose terms are expiring in June. **As it stands, we will need to fill 3 council positions and 2 officer positions (Secretary and Treasurer).** If you are interested in serving on the Nomination Committee and/or serving on council, please see Pastor Martha or Kathy Gaberson (Council VP)

**Covid-19 Protocols:** Allegheny County is in “low transmission” level this week. In light of this, masking at Zion remains at “optional status” for indoor, in-person gatherings. As with any contagious illness (flu, cold, RSV, Covid), if you or someone in your household is sick, please stay home in order to further prevent the spread of illness, especially among our vulnerable members. Thank you!

**Food Pantry Donation for March:** The item we will be collecting for March to help out our food pantry recipients is cleaning products. This can be anything from tub cleaner, laundry detergent or dish detergent. Thank you for the great response to this call for help. It is greatly appreciated by all who benefit from your generosity!

**Candy Donations:** If you would like to donate any individually wrapped candy or small trinkets for our Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, please drop them off by April 1<sup>st</sup>. You can drop them off in the church office. Thank you!

**Soda Can Tabs:** Don't forget to save your tabs from your soda cans to benefit the Shriners Hospital. There is a can by the kiosk for your donations. Thank you!

### **40 Days as Stewards**

During the 40 days of Lent, the Stewardship Committee will lead the congregation in reflecting some of the ways in which we live our lives as stewards of all that God has given us. We ask you to join us as we strive to be good stewards of God's love and grace in the various aspects of our lives. During the 40 days of Lent, we will strive to grow deeper as we ponder ways in which we live as stewards. Stay tuned to Zion's weekly bulletin where reflections for the weeks during Lent will be presented. Then check the "Family and Friends of Zion Lutheran Church in Penn Hills" Facebook page for additional reflections and prayers.

### **40 Days as Stewards: Week Four – Stewards of our Body, Mind and Spirit**

**Truth Be Told:** Fourteen women artists came together for over a year and shared stories and life experiences around the topic of racism and how they were impacted as artists. Inspired from their group conversations, each artist chose a word of importance to her and designed a 10" X 10" canvas around that word. Many of them created additional artwork. One of the 14 artists will be shared each month along with her chosen word and a description of her work. This month, the artist is Cynthia Tinapple. Her chosen word is "FEEL." See the attachment for a description. Also, a large photo of Cynthia's art will be on display in the Gathering Space for the month of March. This display will advance our goal to be more inclusive in our artwork here at Zion.

**Good Shepherd Ministry:** This week our cards are for Nancy Fabel, Wanda Kojcsa, Diane Marburger, and Jean Pletcher. Please take a moment to sign the cards and share a smile with those unable to join us for worship. Also remember them in your prayers this week.

**Zion Lutheran Church Budgeted Finances as of February 28th:**

Offering Income:	\$39, 201.25
Other Income:	\$ 9, 829.50
Total Income:	\$49, 030.75
Total Expense:	\$43, 452.39
Net:	\$ 5,578.36

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**ULLA:** Thank you to everyone who has already returned their responses for our Unified Lutheran Lenten Appeal. So far, we have received \$3,020 toward a goal of \$10,000. More importantly, we will ensure that more elderly, youth, homeless, hungry and others in need of human and social services will be served. Our Response Sunday is Palm Sunday, April 2, but you may return your ULLA contribution anytime between now and Easter. Additional cards and envelopes are available in the pews or church office.

### **OREMUS:**

**Rehab Facility:** Evelyn Lamm (Concordia, Monroeville, Room 110)  
Nancy Fabel (Rosebrook Living Facility, Sarver, PA, Room 116)

**Prayers Requested For:** Shirley McClure, Robert Page, Wanda Kojcsa, Marion Ertel, Eloise Brooky, Claudia Agnew, Mary Lou & Paul Feathers, Gary Bunch (husband of Cheryl Bunch), Diane Marburger, Sandra Short, Bob Beresky, Alan Dippold, Wayne Stumpf, Kim Anthony (brother-in-law of Kathy Conrad), Peggy Curran (aunt of Kara Albrecht), Ellen Conrad (mother of Kara Albrecht), Andrea Shissler (friend of Annette Felmley), Lorraine Ahiemer (friend of Debbie Marks), Darnell Pope (brother of Sandra Short), Michele Williams (cousin of Rhonda Pope), Kristen Lozer (friend of Audri Erfort), Ron Jeroski (friend of Charlotte Murray), Steve Bell (brother of Rhonda Pope), Chris Vuocolo (nephew of Mary Lou D’Ambrosio), Beth Rall, Sarah, Tom & Carolyn Schuler, Marsha Balaban, Joe Hesketh, Ezra & Emery Jordan (great grandchildren of Sandra Short), Lynn Santoriello (sister-in-law of Diane Santoriello), John Santoriello (brother-in-law of Diane Santoriello), Theodore Stolp, Jr., Mary Jean Hawkins (cousin of

Neil Santoriello), Rachel Faulkner, Margaret Thompson (mother of Darren Thompson), Denise Capobianco (friend of Sandra Short), Judy Danik (friend of Charlotte Murray), Bekki Hessong (cousin of Diane Santoriello), Patrick Taylor, Dorothy DeLuca (sister of Evelyn Ross).

### **ZION EVENTS THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, March 26:** 9:30am – Sunday Worship in person, Facebook, and Zoom  
10:30am – Sunday School (Nursery)  
Confirmation (CE Office)  
11:30am – CCC Church – Chapel  
4:00pm – MLK Celebration – Berkeley Hills Lutheran Church  
6:00-8:00 – EAYC

**Monday, March 27:** 1-3 – Health Ministry Team – G. Lounge

**Wednesday, March 29:** 1:00-Midweek Lent Bible Study – G. Lounge  
5:30-6:30 – Soup Supper – Gathering Space  
7:00 – Midweek Lenten Worship - Sanctuary

**Thursday, March 30:** 7:30- Choir – Chapel

**Friday, March 31:** Between 9-11-food truck delivery

### **Usher Schedule:**

Sunday, April 02, 2023	Mike Patchen	Ray Rall
Sunday, April 09, 2023	Marc Schuler	Joe Balaban
Sunday, April 16, 2023	Tony Lamorte	Ray Rall
Sunday, April 23, 2023	Mark Mauro	Janet Mauro
Sunday, April 30, 2023	Tony Lamorte	Mike Patchen
Sunday, May 07, 2023	Marc Schuler	Joe Balaban
Sunday, May 14, 2023	Mike Patchen	Ray Rall
Sunday, May 21, 2023	Mark Mauro	Janet Mauro
Sunday, May 28, 2023	Tony Lamorte	
Sunday, June 04, 2023	Marc Schuler	Joe Balaban
Sunday, June 11, 2023	Mark Mauro	Janet Mauro
Sunday, June 18, 2023	Mike Patchen	Ray Rall
Sunday, June 25, 2023	Tony Lamorte	



### **April 2: Palm/Passion Sunday Worship**

Procession of the Palms and the Reading of the Passion of Our Lord  
According to St Matthew

In-person worship at 9:30am;

Live-stream over Facebook and Zoom call-in option

### **April 6: Maundy Thursday Worship**

Foot and Handwashing, Holy Communion, and the Stripping of the Altar

In-person worship 7:00pm;

Live-stream over Facebook and Zoom call-in option

### **April 7: Good Friday Worship**

In-person worship 7:00pm;

Live-stream over Facebook and Zoom call-in option

### **April 9: Easter Sunday Worship**

The Celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord with Brass Music and Holy Communion

In-person worship at 9:30am;

Live-stream over Facebook and Zoom call-in option

Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt and Goodies in the Gathering Space to follow Worship.