

Zion Lutheran

**Mission: Creating Community Through
God's Love and Guidance**



First Sunday in Lent
March 9, 2025

ORDER OF SERVICE

(The assembly speaks the bold print)

PRELUDE

Please respect this time before worship for those who want to pray quietly in the sanctuary. Once the prelude begins, please use that time to listen to the music and prepare for worship. Thank you for your cooperation.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud"

Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud



1 Source and Sov'-reign, Rock and Cloud, For - tress, Foun - tain, Shel - ter, Light,
2 Word and Wis - dom, Root and Vine, Shep - herd, Sav - ior, Ser - vant, Lamb,
3 Storm and Still - ness, Breath and Dove, Thun - der, Tem - pest, Whirl - wind, Fire,

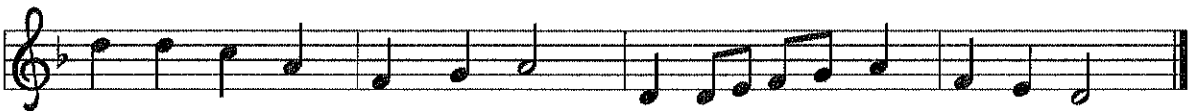


Judge, De - fend - er, Mer - cy, Might, Life whose life all life en - dowed:
Well and Wa - ter, Bread and Wine, Way who leads us to I AM:
Com - fort, Coun - s'lor, Pres - ence, Love, En - er - gies that nev - er tire:

Refrain



May the church at prayer re - call that no sin - gle ho - ly name



but the truth be - hind them all is the God whom we pro - claim.

Text: Thomas H. Troeger, b. 1945

Music: ABERYSTWYTH, Joseph Parry, 1841-1903

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's
abiding love.

Compassionate One,
**you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,
but our lives do not always reflect you
and your love for the world.**

**We do not show others the tender compassion
you have shown to us.**

**We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality
you grant to all people.**

**We oppress others,
even though you have set us free again and again.**

We squander the abundant gifts of the earth.

**Transform our lives
and guide us again in the way of the cross.**

Amen.

Beloved in Christ,
God's arms are always stretched open wide
to welcome the wandering ones home.

In Christ your sins are forgiven.

You have a place in God's house forever.

Amen.

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and
brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that,
following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness
of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus
Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

A reading from Deuteronomy.

¹When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." ⁴When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, ⁵you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. ¹¹Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN#787*"On Eagles Wings"*

the text of this hymn is a paraphrase of Psalm 91

SECOND READING

Romans 10:8b-13

A reading from Romans.

^{8b}"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart"
(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

¹⁰ For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹ The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³ For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Setting 5

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, re - turn to the Lord, your
 God, who is grac - ious and mer - ci - ful, slow to
 an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 4:1-13

The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹ Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ² where 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. ³ The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." ⁴ Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" ⁵ Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ And 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. ⁷ If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." ⁸ Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" ⁹ Then 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,

¹⁰ for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' ¹¹ and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.' " ¹² Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' " ¹³ When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Jan LaVake

HYMN OF THE DAY#574

"Here I Am, Lord"

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

God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

OFFERING

Tower Ringerz

"Reflections on "Endless Song"

OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious Provider,
you set your immense treasures among us,
opening your heart to the world.
As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love,
deepen our commitment to sharing those
treasures with others,
through our Savior, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

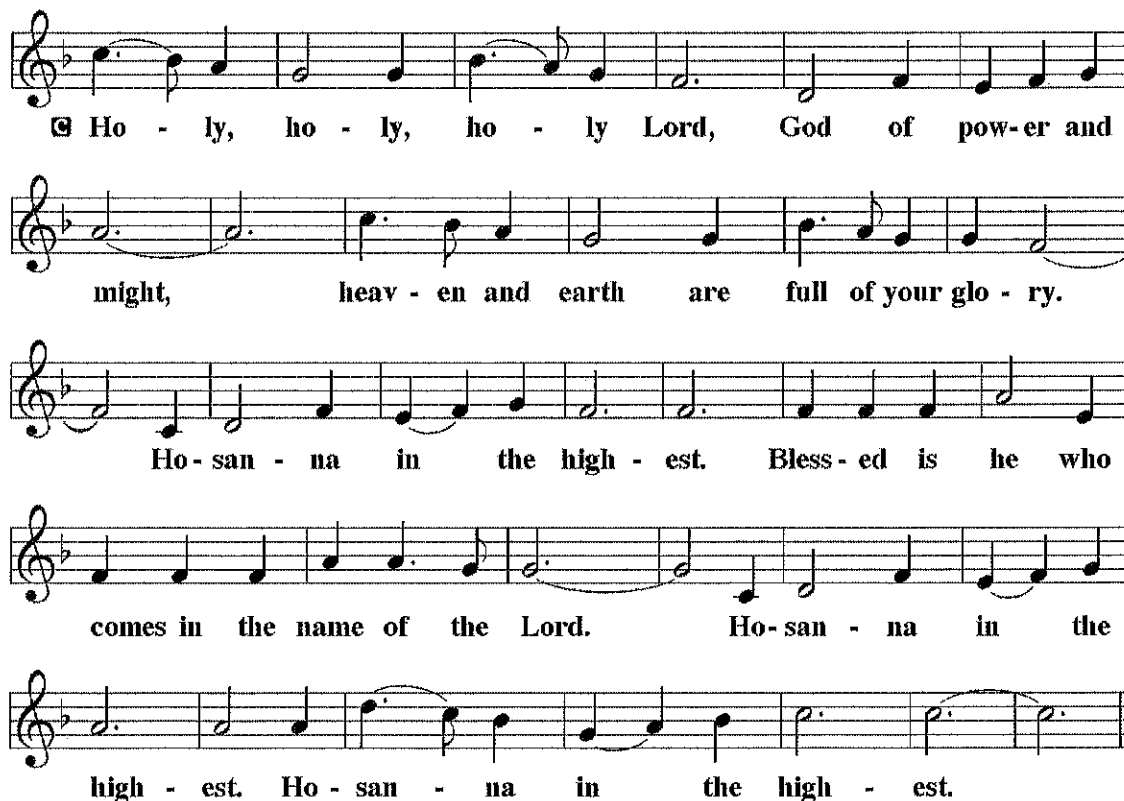
GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

HOLY HOLY HOLY

Setting 5



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

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

LAMB OF GOD

Setting 5



☐ 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread.

COMMUNION

TOWER RINGERZ

"Be Thou My Vision"

COMMUNION HYMN#325

"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

TABLE BLESSING

Now may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Generous Host,
you have shared your feast with us and made us new.
Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities,
that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom,
in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

BLESSING

God our tender parent,
God the crucified one,
God the reconciling Spirit,
bless you now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN#611

“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.
**Creating Community through God’s Love and Guidance —
thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

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Welcome!

We invite visitors to complete the card in the pew and put it in the collection basket. Thank You!

Attendance:

Last Week: 85

Last Year: 77

Announcements!

This is to advise the congregation that there was an error in printing Page 17 of the church Financial Report that was part of the 2024 Annual Report for Zion. This in no way affects the budget or Zion's financial picture. However, for anyone who would like a corrected page, copies of that affected page have been printed and are available on the table in the back of the sanctuary. Please feel free to pick up a copy.

A Daily Discipleship, which is a take home Bible Study, will be on the tables at the back of sanctuary for you to take with you. It will also be on the website in the section where the weekly bulletin is.

Lenten Study Booklets are on the table in the back of the sanctuary. You are welcome to take one home with you.

Lenten Soup Suppers will be March 12, March 19, April 2 & April 9. It will be from 5:00pm-6:15pm with the service to follow at 6:30pm. There is a signup sheet in the narthex for help with setup, cleanup & desserts.

If you are interested in being a greeter contact Lynn Walter.

Today is our second educational session with Jean from Linwood Community. It will be held from 10:15-11:00 in the chapel. The topic for today is "Safety at home for Older Adults". March 16 the topic is "When Independent Living No Longer Works for Older Adults".

If you always received the messenger by email you need to go to our website, zionappleton.org to find it. It is listed under Ministries. There are past messengers if you want to read them.

91.9 FM Fox Cities together with FOX 11 presents Help for the Homeless Hygiene Drive. They will be collecting NEW hygiene and cleaning items for local Fox Cities and New London crisis agencies. The Help for the Homeless Hygiene Drive runs from now through March 16. Please place your donations in the Help for the Homeless collection box located in the back of the sanctuary by March 16, or make a secure financial donation for the purchase of supplies that will stay in our community. Some of the most urgently needed items are bathroom tissue, cleaning supplies, dental care, deodorant, diapers/baby care, face/bath soap, feminine care, hair care, laundry detergent, paper towels, razors, and trash bags. Your donations will remain in this community. Thank you!

Lynn will be placing a gift card order on March 12. Please contact her if you are interested. She does have some gift cards available today. They are \$10 Kwik Trip, \$25 Kwik Trip, \$25 Pick N Save \$25 Piggly Wiggly & \$10 Target.

Columbus school is having open gym at Zion on Thursdays from Feb. 20 through March 20. It is from 6pm-7pm. The bowling alley, ark & gym will be open. All are welcome. The only thing they ask is if you are bringing a child an adult needs to accompany them.

Linwood Community: A Ministry of Fox Valley Lutheran Homes
March 2025 Services: Join us in the Linwood Commons for worship services during Lent. Wednesday, March 12, 1:30 PM, Pastor Eric Roth leading us in worship. (Lunch served at 12:30. Please RSVP to lynnann.fvlhomes@gmail.com if you would like to join us for food and fellowship before worship.) Wednesday, March 26, 1:00 PM, Pastor Amy Engebose leading us in worship. (Lunch served at 12:00. Please RSVP to lynnann.fvlhomes@gmail.com if you would like to join us for food and fellowship before worship.)

Are You a Safe Driver?-Thursday, April 10th, Linwood Community will be hosting Refresh Your Driving Skills from 10:00-2:45. This is also known as the AARP Smart Driver Course and is designed to refresh your driving skills. Advanced registration is required. The cost will be \$10 per person. You can register by calling Yon Abel, Wellness Coordinator, at 920-850-3623 or by emailing our resource advocate Jean George at Resource.fvlhomes@gmail.com. Space is limited. Lunch will be provided. Some insurance companies give a discount to people who have successfully completed this course.

Bonnie Nussbaum attended the Town Makers meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 26. Marissa Downs, principal with Mosaic Property Ventures, spoke with us about affordable housing projects she's completed and has ongoing in the Fox Cities. Marissa shared many interesting facts that have to do with being a developer of affordable housing units, including dealing with Appleton's more restrictive codes compared with neighboring cities. Some new avenues came to light which Bonnie will explore. Bonnie also shared with the Town Makers group about an upcoming event which is listed in case you are able to attend. Plan Appleton Update Meeting on Tuesday, March 18th at the newly reopened Appleton Public Library beginning at 4 pm. This will be a chance for the City to share what they've learned thus far from their previous listening sessions about desired changes to the City of Appleton Comprehensive Plan and taking a deeper dive into opportunities including affordable housing. Presentations will be given at 4, 5, and 6 pm followed by activities designed to learn more from us as to what's wanted and needed in Appleton. You can learn more about the Plan and this event at www.planappleton.org.

The next Roundtable meeting is on Tuesday, March 11th, from 4:30-6 pm in the Fellowship Hall at Zion. All are welcome to learn about the current status of potential development at Zion Lutheran and efforts that continue with regard to affordable housing.

Sunday, March 9	1st Sunday of Lent
Deut 26:1-11; Ps 91:1-2, 9-16	Pastor Jan LaVake
Rom 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13	Assisting Minister: Tricia Staedt
Choir Rehearsal 8-8:45 am	Reader: Jim Schley
Worship Service 9:00 am	Acolyte: Lily Gruselle
Followed by Coffee Hour	Musician: William Surtees
Sunday School & Confirmation	Opens and Closes: Gwen Schwandt
Educational Session 10:15-11	"Safety at Home for Older Adults"
Tuesday, March 11	Zion Mutual Homes Meeting 10:00am
Wednesday, March 12	Lenten Service
Tower RingerZ Rehearsal 4:15pm	Leaders: Gwen Schwandt and Jon Meyer
Lenten Supper 5:00 pm	Musician: Heather Watney
Worship Service 6:30 pm	Opens: Jim Schley
	Closes: Gwen Schwandt
Sunday, March 16	2nd Sunday of Lent
Gen 15:1-12, 17-18; Ps 27	Pastor Karen Jewell
Phil 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35	Assisting Minister: Wendy Sachs
Choir Rehearsal 8-8:45 am	Reader: Sue Joosten
Worship Service 9:00 am	Acolyte: Freya Budde
Followed by Coffee Hour	Musician: Heather Watney
Sunday School & Confirmation	Opens: Greg Pettigrew
Educational Session 10:15-11	Closes: Tammy Mossholder
	"When Independent Living No Longer Works for Older Adults"

On Eagle's Wings

Leader or All

1 You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, who a-bide in this shad-ow for life,

say to the Lord: "My ref - uge, my rock in whom I trust!"

Refrain
All

And he will raise you up on ea-gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,

make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

Leader or All

2 The snare of the fowl-er will nev-er cap-ture you, and fan-ine will bring you no

fear; un-der God's wings your ref-uge, with faith-ful-ness your shield.

Leader or All

3 You need not fear the ter-ror of the night, nor the ar-row that flies by

day; though thou-sands fall a - bout you, near you it shall not come.

Leader or All

4 For to the an-gels God's giv-en a com-mand to

guard you in all of your ways; up - on their hands they will

bear you up, lest you dash your foot a - gainst a stone.

Final refrain
All

And he will raise you up on ea-gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,

make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

And hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.

Here I Am, Lord



1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"

Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

Text: Daniel L. Schutte, b. 1946

Music: HERE I AM, LORD, Daniel L. Schutte

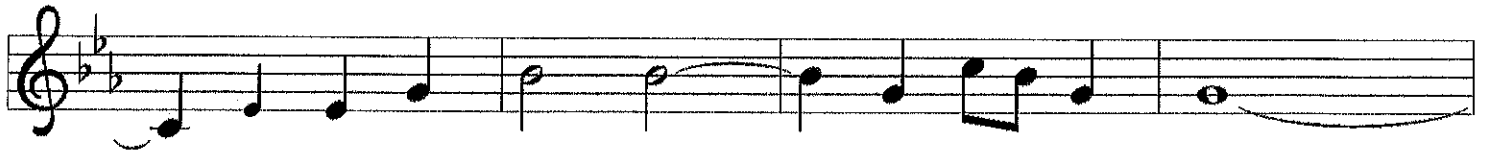
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I Want Jesus to Walk with Me



1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



I want Je - sus to walk with me;
in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
when my heart is al - most break - ing,
when my head is bowed in sor - row,



Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: SOJOURNER, African American spiritual

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;



I found in him a rest-ing-place, and he has made me glad.
my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav-'ling days are done.