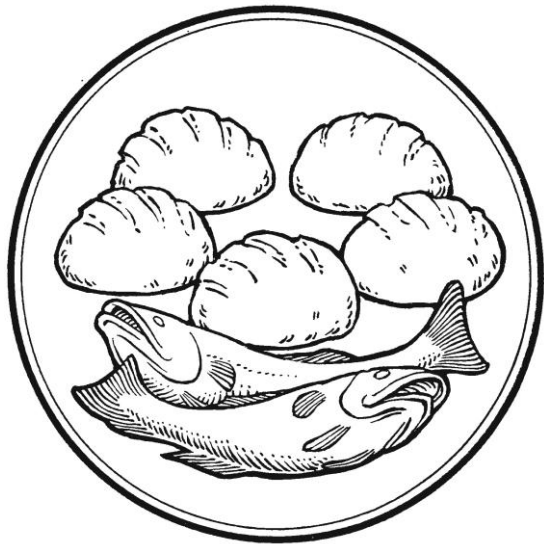
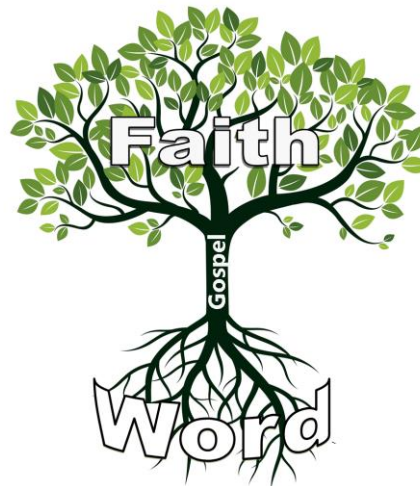


**Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 11,
Year of Our ✠ Lord 2018**



The Lord Feeds His People

The Lord provided bread from heaven for His people in the wilderness (Ex. 16:2–21). Now He who is Himself the living bread from heaven miraculously provides bread for the five thousand (John 6:1–15). This takes place near the time of the Passover, after a great multitude had followed Jesus across the sea, and when He went up on a mountain. Seen in this way, Jesus is our new and greater Moses, who releases us from the bondage of Mount Sinai and makes us free children of the promise (Gal. 4:21–31). Five loaves become twelve baskets—that is, the five books of Moses find their goal and fulfillment in Christ, whose people continue steadfastly in the doctrine and fellowship of the twelve apostles, and in the breaking and receiving of the bread of life, which is the body of Christ together with His precious blood, and in the prayers (Acts 2:41–47). So it is that God's people "*shall not hunger or thirst*" (Is. 49:8–13). For He abundantly provides for us in both body and soul.



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✠ A WORD ABOUT THE DIVINE SERVICE ✠

If you were to ask most people what “worship” is, they might say, “Worship is praising the Lord” or “Worship is what human beings do to express their thanks to God” or “Worship is going to church,” or something like that. While there is some truth to each of these answers, they do not adequately describe the main purpose of Lutheran worship.



We Lutherans have a unique perspective on worship. We know that God’s Word and His holy Sacraments are His precious gifts to us. They are the tools the Holy Spirit uses to give us forgiveness, life and salvation. The main purpose of Lutheran worship is to receive these gifts from God.

Our Lutheran Confessions explain this truth as follows: “The service and worship of the Gospel is to receive good things from God” (Apology to the Augsburg Confession, Article IV.310).

I am not sure whether we have adequately emphasized this important truth. God gives His gifts. We receive them. That is the main purpose of Lutheran worship. He does this as His Gospel is proclaimed, as His Word is read, as His forgiveness is announced and sinners are absolved, and as we receive our Lord’s body and blood in Holy Communion. In these wonderful ways, God is present with us, His people, drawing us to Himself and giving us what we need so much—His mercy, forgiveness, love, joy, peace, power and comfort! The purpose of worship, therefore, is to be gathered by God around His gifts.

Having clearly established this important point, I need to say that it would be wrong to assume that we are merely passive participants in the worship service. Listen to the beautiful introduction to Lutheran Worship.

Our Lord speaks and we listen. His Word bestows what it says. Faith that is born from what is heard acknowledges the gifts, received with eager thankfulness and praise. Saying back to Him what he has said to us, we repeat what is most true and sure... The rhythm of our worship is from him to us, and then from us back to him. He gives his gifts, and together we receive and extol them. We build one another up as we speak to one another in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs (Lutheran Worship, p. 6).

How true! God speaks. We listen. Then we speak the great “amen” of faith, saying, “Yes, yes, this is true!” Praise God for His mercy in permitting us to receive His gifts! Praise God for drawing us together around His gifts!

✠ Confession and Absolution ✠

Hymn of Invocation: 711 Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

LSB 711

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word and call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

*Silence for self-reflection upon God's Ten Commandments,
that we may know our sin and be prepared for the Absolution.*

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

✠ Service of the Word ✠

Introit

Ps. 122:1–2, 6, 8; antiphon: Is. 66:10a, 11a

P Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her,
all you who love her;

**C that you may nurse and be satisfied
from her consoling breast.**

P I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the LORD!"

**C Our feet have been standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem!**

P Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!

May they be secure who love you!

C For my brothers and companions' sake

I will say, "Peace be within you!"

C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her,

all you who love her;

C that you may nurse and be satisfied

from her consoling breast.

Kyrie

LSB 204



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 16:2–21

²And the whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, ³and the people of Israel said to them, "Would that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the meat pots and ate bread to the full, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, "Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day's portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not. ⁵On the sixth day, when they prepare

what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily.”⁶ So Moses and Aaron said to all the people of Israel, “At evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt,⁷ and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your grumbling against the LORD. For what are we, that you grumble against us?”⁸ And Moses said, “When the LORD gives you in the evening meat to eat and in the morning bread to the full, because the LORD has heard your grumbling that you grumble against him—what are we? Your grumbling is not against us but against the LORD.”

⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, ‘Come near before the LORD, for he has heard your grumbling.’”¹⁰ And as soon as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud.¹¹ And the LORD said to Moses,¹² “I have heard the grumbling of the people of Israel. Say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. Then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’”

¹³In the evening quail came up and covered the camp, and in the morning dew lay around the camp.¹⁴ And when the dew had gone up, there was on the face of the wilderness a fine, flake-like thing, fine as frost on the ground.¹⁵ When the people of Israel saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.”¹⁶ This is what the LORD has commanded: ‘Gather of it, each one of you, as much as he can eat. You shall each take an omer, according to the number of the persons that each of you has in his tent.’”¹⁷ And the people of Israel did so. They gathered, some more, some less.¹⁸ But when they measured it with an omer, whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack. Each of them gathered as much as he could eat.¹⁹ And Moses said to them, “Let no one leave any of it over till the morning.”²⁰ But they did not listen to Moses. Some left part of it till the morning, and it bred worms and stank. And Moses was angry with them.²¹ Morning by morning they gathered it, each as much as he could eat; but when the sun grew hot, it melted.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Ps. 122:1, 7

P I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the LORD!”

**C Peace be within your walls
and security within your towers!**

Epistle

Galatians 4:21–31

²¹Tell me, you who desire to be under the law, do you not listen to the law? ²²For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by a slave woman and one by a free woman. ²³But the son of the slave was born according to the flesh, while the son of the free woman was born through promise. ²⁴Now this may be interpreted allegorically: these women are two covenants. One is from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery; she is Hagar. ²⁵Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia; she corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. ²⁶But the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother. ²⁷For it is written,

“Rejoice, O barren one who does not bear;
break forth and cry aloud, you who are not in labor!
For the children of the desolate one will be more
than those of the one who has a husband.”

²⁸Now you, brothers, like Isaac, are children of promise. ²⁹But just as at that time he who was born according to the flesh persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, so also it is now. ³⁰But what does the Scripture say? “Cast out the slave woman and her son, for the son of the slave woman shall not inherit with the son of the free woman.” ³¹So, brothers, we are not children of the slave but of the free woman.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Stand

Holy Gospel

John 6:1–15

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixth chapter.

G Glory to You, O Lord.

¹After this Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. ²And a large crowd was following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing on the sick. ³Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand. ⁵Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?” ⁶He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do. ⁷Philip answered him, “Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.” ⁸One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, ⁹“There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?” ¹⁰Jesus said, “Have the people sit down.” Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number. ¹¹Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he

distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted.

¹²And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, "Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost." ¹³So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten.

¹⁴When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, "This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!"

¹⁵Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy Christian Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

Sit

Lessons for Lambs

#588 v.1 "Jesus Loves Me"

Hymn of the Day: 743 Jesus, Priceless Treasure

LSB 743

Sermon

P In the name ✠ of Jesus.

C Amen.

Stand

Offertory

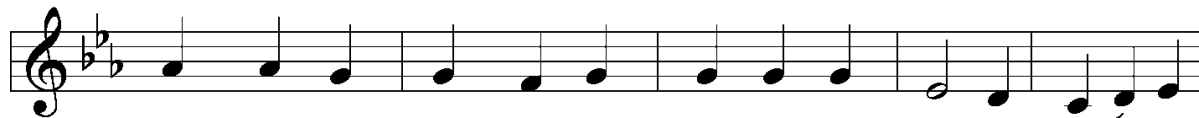
LSB 192



☐ Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -



way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it



from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -



tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

Sit

Offering

While the offering is being gathered, the children are invited to bring their Sunday School mission offering to the front of the church. Also, please fill out the "Welcome Cards" in the pews and place them in the church offering plate. The "Welcome Cards" in the pew are for prayer requests, general requests, and if you are new and visiting Zion.

The "Welcome Cards" are confidential and go directly to Pastor.

Stand

Prayer of the Church

☐ Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Brief silence

☐ Almighty and eternal God, worthy to be held in reverence by all people everywhere, we give You humble and sincere thanks for the innumerable blessings that You have bestowed on us without any merit or worthiness on our part. We praise You especially for preserving for us Your saving Word and the Holy Sacraments. Grant and preserve to Your Holy Church throughout the world purity of doctrine, and provide faithful pastors to preach Your Word with power. Help all

who hear the Word rightly to understand and truly to believe it. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Heavenly Father, in mercy bring to repentance the enemies of Your Church, and grant them amendment of life. Protect and defend Your Church in all tribulation and danger, and sustain with Your Spirit our brothers and sisters in Christ around the world who experience persecution. Strengthen us and all fellow Christians to set our hope fully on the grace revealed in Christ, and help us to fight the good fight of faith, that in the end we may receive the salvation of our souls. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Loving God, bestow Your grace on all nations of the earth. Bless especially our country, its inhabitants and all who are in authority. Let Your glory dwell in our land that mercy and truth, righteousness and peace may abound in all places. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Compassionate Lord, graciously defend us from all calamity by fire and water, from war and pestilence, from scarcity and famine, and from every other evil. Protect and prosper all who labor in their rightful callings, and let all useful arts flourish among us. Be the God and Father of the poor and homeless, the helper of the hungry and needy, the comforter of the distressed and those who sorrow. Look with mercy especially upon those who have requested our prayers, including Sandi. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Accept, we implore You, O Lord, our bodies and souls, our hearts and minds, our talents and powers, together with the offerings we bring before You as our humble service. Fill us, Your children, with hearts moved toward generosity in supporting our Mission of the Month –Shepherds Hill at the Crossroads with compassion to help all in need, as we are able. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P This morning and throughout this week we hold before You in prayer, Bob Bergeson.

C Heavenly Father, we ask that in Your unconditional love that you would protect Bob from all physical harm and danger and that You would keep him in the certainty of his salvation that he has by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. We also pray that You would enable us, this congregation of Zion, to hold Bob in our prayers this week and let them know that we love him in Jesus Christ. Amen.

P Father, as we are strangers and pilgrims on earth, help us by true faith and a godly life to prepare for the world to come, doing the work You have given us to do while it is day, before the night comes when no one can work. And when our last hour comes, support us by Your power and receive us into Your heavenly Kingdom; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

**C 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.**

Concluding Collect

P O holy and most merciful God, You have taught us the way of Your commandments. We implore You to pour out Your grace into our hearts. Cause it to bear fruit in us that, being ever mindful of Your mercies and Your laws, we may always be directed to Your will and daily increase in love toward You and one another. Enable us to resist all evil and to live a godly life. Help us to follow the example of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and to walk in His steps until we shall possess the kingdom that has been prepared for us in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Benedicamus and Benediction

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

Sit

Hymn: 918 Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer

LSB 918

Announcements

We encourage you to bring the bulletin home so that you might be able to reflect on the scriptures of today's Divine Service, as well as use the "Prayers of the Church" for your family devotions.

Acknowledgments

Divine Service, Setting Three from Lutheran Service Book

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MISSION OF THE MONTH – Shepherd’s Hill at the Crossroads

Shepherd’s Hill provides Christ-centered faith and life enrichment through year-round outdoor ministry. Shepherd’s Hill offers our own planned scheduled events including summer youth and family camps, day camps, retreats and weekend events. These programs are available to community church groups and individuals. Your support of this mission aids in the outreach of this ministry.

Prayer Family

Bob Bergeson
505 3rd Ave W Lisbon

Cleaners in God’s House of Zion

Please remember to sign your name on the chart on the bulletin board by the kitchen noting which area of the church you have cleaned

Mar 11-17: Scott & Teresa Illies; Duane & Sharon Orth; Jody Schreiner; Roger & Kathy Schreiner

Ushers for the Month of March

4th Eric & Brook Olson

18th Lonnie Hoechst

29th Jim & Marge Asche

11th Scott & Christine Bopp

25th Kevin & Cindy Dietz

30th Andy & Stephanie Stroh

Pastor’s Office & Study Hours

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:30 am to 5:00 pm

Wednesday 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

Monday Off

Copies of the sermon are available on the table in the narthex and on the website www.zionwinner.org

Parish Assistant Office Hours

Monday- Friday 9:30 am to 12:30 pm

Wednesday 9:30 am to 5:00 pm

Email: secretary@zionwinner.org

This Week in the Congregation of Zion

Today **9:00 am** Sunday School for Children & Adults
 10:00 am Divine Service

Tue 13th **1:00 pm** Quilting

Wed 14th **9:00 am** Pastor's Bible Study
 2:00 pm LWML
 3:30 pm Kids Club
 4:00 pm Confirmation
 5:30 pm Soup Supper
 6:30 pm Vespers Service

Sun 18th **9:00 am** Sunday School for Children & Adults
 10:00 am Divine Service

Attendance & Giving at Zion

Sunday, March 4

Worship Attendance: 92

Sunday School Attendance: 13 Adult Bible Class: 11

Category	Received Last Week	Received for March	Monthly Goal	YTD Received	YTD Needed	Over/Under Goal
General Fund	\$ 3,341.00	\$ 3,281.00	\$ 11,130.83	\$ 17,521.80	\$ 23,117.88	\$ (5,596.08)
Misc. Income	\$ 40.30	\$ 40.30		\$ 490.35		
Building Fund	\$ 325.00	\$ 300.00		\$ 1,147.50		
Cemetery Fund	\$ 45.00	\$ 45.00		\$ 45.00		
Memorial Fund	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 10.00		
Vehicle Fund	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -		
ND Missions	\$ 921.00	\$ 660.00	\$ 2,166.67	\$ 4,166.50	\$ 4,500.00	\$ (333.50)
Mission of Month	\$ 355.00	\$ 355.00				
Helping Hands	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00				
Higher Things	\$ -	\$ -				

Zion's Income Goal: \$ 133,570.00

ND Mission Goal: \$ 26,000.00

Prayer and Petitions



March 11, 2018

Please let Pastor know if you want a request added or removed

Health Concerns

- Sandi Bergemann, recovering from surgery

Remembering Our Homebound

Alice Decker at Vets Home

Lois Enderson at Park Side Lisbon

Bob Bergeson at Park Side Lisbon

Lorrie Eiter at Forman Manor

Pearl Rehborg at Forman Manor

Marjorie Fuss at home in Gwinner

Grieving With The Family

- Cory Timmerman, in the loss of his father

Remembering Those Who Serve

Nate Utecht in the Navy in Washington, D.C.

Rick Gaden and Sy Hansana, National Guard

Chris Mathias, Jason Asche, AJ Enderson, Bob Orn, First Responders, EMTs and Volunteer Fire & Rescue

Noteworthy News...

Kids Club Snack Providers: If you are willing to provide a snack for 10-12 kids on Wednesday afternoons, would you please sign up on the sheet by the kitchen? Thank you so much!

Quilters will be meeting on Tuesdays at 1:00 pm. Anyone, regardless of your experience, is welcome to come and quilt!

Baby oh Baby! There will be a come and go baby shower for James Andrew Greenmyer on Saturday, March 17th from 11am-1pm here at Zion. All are welcome and invited to attend!

Lenten Series

The Christian's War: *The Life of the Christian as Saint and Sinner*

- Feb 14 Ash Wednesday
- Feb 21 The Beginning of the War: ***Baptism of the Christian***
- Feb 28 The Combat Zone of the War: ***Within the Christian***
- Mar 7 Fighting the War: ***Executions and Turning Outward***
- Mar 14 Enduring the War: ***Learning Dependence***
- Mar 21 The End of the War: ***Death***

- **Soup and Sandwiches will be served at 5:30pm by the Youth attending Higher Things this summer**
- **Vespers service will be at 6:30 pm**

ENJOY THE CONVENIENCE OF ELECTRONIC GIVING

Zion Lutheran is excited to announce that we now offer electronic giving as a way to automate your regular weekly offering! Electronic giving offers convenience for individual congregation members and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation.

Direct Debit Giving is used to automatically transfer funds from your checking or savings account to the church's bank account.

Online Giving allows you to go to our church website at any time to set up an automatic donation plan, change your donation plan, make a one-time donation or view your online donation history.

Simply follow these easy steps:

- 1) Visit the church website at www.zionwinner.org
- 2) Click on the **Online Giving** tab at the top of the page,
- 3) Click on the Sign In/Sign Up button, then
- 4) Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring contributions.

As you contemplate future contributions, please consider electronic giving. Authorization forms and additional information are available from the church office.