

# Fourth Sunday in Lent

## *Laetare*

March 15,  
Year of Our ✠ Lord 2026



### **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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## **WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS:**

As a way to celebrate and remember the vibrant history of the Christian Church—among many other reasons—we utilize the historic liturgy. This may be new and strange to you, or this may be comfortable and familiar. We invite you to sit next to one of our members who will be happy to assist you as you receive God's gifts of the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation alongside us.

## **HOLY COMMUNION AT ZION:**

Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at the Lutheran altar. Therefore, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor. The Bible teaches we cannot be partakers from two differing tables (1 Cor. 10:15-18), and that communion can be taken to our judgment rather than our forgiveness (1 Cor. 11:27-32). It is our earnest desire at Zion that communion be taken according to our Lord's intent (Matthew 26:26-28). Members of Zion, out of love for their neighbor, can be of great assistance in this endeavor to bring others into the truth of this supper by encouraging visitors to speak with the pastor if they desire Holy Communion.

# ✠ Confession and Absolution ✠

## Hymn of Invocation: 743 Jesus, Priceless Treasure



1 Je - sus, price-less trea - sure, Fount of pur - est plea - sure,  
2 In Thine arms I rest me; Foes who would mo - lest me  
3 Sa - tan, I de - fy thee; Death, I now de - cry thee;  
4 Hence, all earth - ly trea - sure! Je - sus is my plea - sure,



Tru - est friend to me, Ah, how long in an - guish  
Can - not reach me here. Though the earth be shak - ing,  
Fear, I bid thee cease. World, thou shalt not harm me  
Je - sus is my choice. Hence, all emp - ty glo - ry!



Shall my spir - it lan - guish, Yearn - ing, Lord, for Thee?  
Ev - 'ry heart be quak - ing, Je - sus calms my fear.  
Nor thy threats a - larm me While I sing of peace.  
Naught to me thy sto - ry Told with tempt - ing voice.



Thou art mine, O Lamb di - vine! I will suf - fer  
Light - nings flash And thun - ders crash; Yet, though sin and  
God's great pow'r Guards ev - 'ry hour; Earth and all its  
Pain or loss, Or shame or cross, Shall not from my



naught to hide Thee; Naught I ask be - side Thee.  
hell as - sail me, Je - sus will not fail me.  
depths a - dore Him, Si - lent bow be - fore Him.  
Sav - ior move me Since He deigns to love me.

5 Evil world, I leave thee;  
Thou canst not deceive me,  
Thine appeal is vain.  
Sin that once did blind me,  
Get thee far behind me,  
Come not forth again.  
Past thy hour,  
O pride and pow'r;  
Sinful life, thy bonds I sever,  
Leave thee now forever.

6 Hence, all fear and sadness!  
For the Lord of gladness,  
Jesus, enters in.

Those who love the Father,  
Though the storms may gather,  
Still have peace within.  
Yea, whate'er  
I here must bear,  
Thou art still my purest pleasure,  
Jesus, priceless treasure!

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*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** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C who made heaven and earth.**

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I 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**

*Psalm 122:1–2, 6, 8; antiphon: Isaiah 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 186



**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.



**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.



Sit

## Old Testament Reading

## Isaiah 49:8–13

<sup>8</sup>Thus says the Lord:

"In a time of favor I have answered you;  
in a day of salvation I have helped you;  
I will keep you and give you  
as a covenant to the people,  
to establish the land,

to apportion the desolate heritages,  
<sup>9</sup>saying to the prisoners, 'Come out,'  
to those who are in darkness, 'Appear.'

They shall feed along the ways;  
on all bare heights shall be their pasture;

<sup>10</sup>they shall not hunger or thirst,  
neither scorching wind nor sun shall strike them,  
for he who has pity on them will lead them,  
and by springs of water will guide them.

<sup>11</sup>And I will make all my mountains a road,  
and my highways shall be raised up.

<sup>12</sup>Behold, these shall come from afar,  
and behold, these from the north and from the west,  
and these from the land of Syene."

<sup>13</sup>Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth;  
break forth, O mountains, into singing!  
for the Lord has comforted his people  
and will have compassion on his afflicted.

**P**This is the Word of the Lord.

**C**Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

*Psalm 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!**

## Second Reading

*Acts 2:41–47*

<sup>41</sup>So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

<sup>42</sup>And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup>And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup>And all who believed were together and had all things in common. <sup>45</sup>And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## Tract

*Psalm 125:1–2, 5b*

**P** Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion,  
which cannot be moved, but abides forever.

**C** **As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds his people,  
from this time forth and forevermore. Peace be upon Israel!**

## Holy Gospel

*John 6:1–15*

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



**C** **Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>After this Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. <sup>2</sup>And a large crowd was following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing on the sick. <sup>3</sup>Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. <sup>4</sup>Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand. <sup>5</sup>Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip,



and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

## Hymn of the Day: 625 Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, life - giv - ing bread, May I in grace  
2 To pas - tures green, Lord, safe - ly guide, To rest - ful wa -  
3 O bread of heav'n, my soul's de - light, For full and free  
4 I do not mer - it fa - vor, Lord, My weight of sin



pos - sess You. Let me with ho - ly food be fed,  
ters lead me; Your ta - ble well for me pro - vide,  
re - mis - sion I come with prayer be - fore Your sight  
would break me; In all my guilt - y heart's dis - cord,



In hun - ger I ad - dress You. Pre - pare me well  
Your wound - ed hand now feed me. Though wea - ry, sin -  
In sor - row and con - tri - tion. Your righ - teous - ness,  
O Lord, do not for - sake me. In my dis - tress



for You, O Lord, And, hum - bly by my prayer im - plored,  
ful, sick, and weak, Ref - uge in You a - lone I seek,  
Lord, cov - er me That I re - ceive You wor - thi - ly,  
this com - forts me That You re - ceive me gra - cious - ly,



Give me Your grace and mer - cy.  
To share Your cup of heal - ing.  
As - sured of Your full par - don.  
O Christ, my Lord of mer - cy!

## Sermon

Stand

## Offertory

LSB 192



**C** 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.

## Prayer of the Church

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

O God of mercy, although we merit only punishment, You give abundantly for every need. Through our Savior Jesus Christ provide us with every physical gift our bodies need in this earthly life, and every heavenly blessing our souls need in the life everlasting. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Lord God, after the holy example of Your Son, Jesus Christ, inspire all pastors to a devout care for their people and a continual desire to feed them with the bread of life. Awaken in the hearts of our congregations a mutual love for this faithful service in Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Merciful Lord, You blessed barren Sarah with Isaac, the child of promise, and brought salvation to the world through Christ, born of the Virgin Mary. Watch over the families of Your Church and comfort those families yet without children, that all together may find joy in their heavenly inheritance. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Grant Your mercy, O Lord, to all our leaders: to Donald, our president; \_\_\_\_\_, our governor; all legislators and civil servants; those who work for the common good; those who must render judgment and impose punishment upon lawbreakers; and all who work for peace among the nations. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Lord God, our Shepherd, protect, comfort and guide all who call upon You in need [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_]. Grant healing and peace, that they may continue to serve You with joy in this life and finally come to that good land in Your eternal kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Heavenly Father, You provided food from heaven for the Israelites during their days of wandering in the wilderness. So give us also the true food of heaven, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, that we may be sustained in our faith and in hope during our days of pilgrimage through the wilderness of this world until finally we behold Your glory with our own eyes. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Almighty God, You give daily bread to everyone without our prayer, even to all evil people. Bless the merciful works of Your Church for the poor and needy, that rooted in Christ's love for us, we may reflect and share that love with others. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** This morning and throughout this week we hold before You in prayer Andy, Stephanie and Maverick Stroh.

**C** **Heavenly Father, we ask that in Your unconditional love that you would protect Andy, Stephanie and Maverick from all physical harm and danger and that You would keep them in the certainty of their salvation that they have by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. We also pray that You would enable us, this congregation of Zion, to hold Andy, Stephanie and Maverick in our prayers this week and let them know that we love them in Jesus Christ.**

**P** Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## ✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠

### Preface

LSB 194



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



**C** It is meet and right so to do.

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus

LSB 195



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,



bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

**☐ 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.**

## The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

**☐** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✝}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✝}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Pax Domini

LSB 197



**☐** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



A - men.

## Agnus Dei

LSB 198



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Sit

## Distribution

*Those participating in communion are asked to exit the pew on the outer aisle.*

*When coming forward to receive communion we ask that 7 people from each side approach the altar.*

*The Chalice and Individual Cups are offered at the Supper; you can specify which cup you would like to receive from. Please exit down the center aisle, placing your cup in the bowl near the font.*

## Distribution Hymn: 421 Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing



1 Je - sus, grant that balm and heal - ing In Your ho - ly  
2 Should some lust or sharp temp - ta - tion Fas - ci - nate my  
3 If the world my heart en - tic - es With the broad and  
4 Ev - 'ry wound that pains or grieves me By Your wounds, Lord,  
5 O my God, my rock and tow - er, Grant that in Your



wounds I find, Ev - 'ry hour that I am feel - ing Pains of  
sin - ful mind, Draw me to Your cross and pas - sion, And new  
eas - y road, With se - duc - tive, sin - ful vi - ces, Let me  
is made whole; When I'm faint, Your cross re - vives me, Grant - ing  
death I trust, Know - ing death has lost its pow - er Since You



bod - y and of mind. Should some e - vil thought with - in  
 cour - age I shall find. Or should Sa - tan press me hard,  
 weigh the aw - ful load You were will - ing to en - dure.  
 new life to my soul. Yes, Your com - fort ren - ders sweet  
 crushed it in the dust. Sav - ior, let Your ag - o - ny



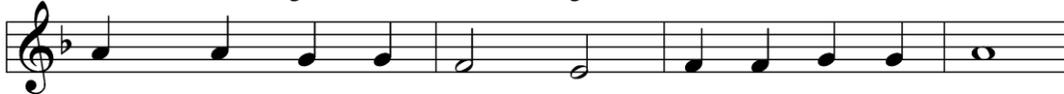
Tempt my treach-'rous heart to sin, Show the per - il, and from  
 Let me then be on my guard, Say - ing, "Christ for me was  
 Help me flee all thoughts im - pure And to mas - ter each temp -  
 Ev - 'ry bit - ter cup I meet; For Your all - a - ton - ing  
 Ev - er help and com - fort me; When I die be my pro -



sin - ning Keep me from its first be - gin - ning.  
 wound - ed," That the tempt - er flee con - found - ed.  
 ta - tion, Calm in prayer and med - i - ta - tion.  
 pas - sion Has pro - cured my soul's sal - va - tion.  
 tec - tion, Light and life and res - ur - rec - tion.

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## Distribution Hymn: 433 Glory Be to Jesus



1 Glo - ry be to Je - sus, Who in bit - ter pains  
 2 Grace and life e - ter - nal In that blood I find;  
 3 Blest through end - less a - ges Be the pre - cious stream  
 4 A - bel's blood for ven - geance Plead - ed to the skies;



Poured for me the life - blood From His sa - cred veins!  
 Blest be His com - pas - sion, In - fi - nite - ly kind!  
 Which from end - less tor - ment Did the world re - deem!  
 But the blood of Je - sus For our par - don cries.

5 Oft as earth exulting  
 Wafts its praise on high,  
 Angel hosts rejoicing  
 Make their glad reply.

6 Lift we, then, our voices,  
 Swell the mighty flood;  
 Louder still and louder  
 Praise the precious blood!

Text: Italian, c. 18th cent.; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814–78, alt. Tune: Friedrich Filitz, 1804–76 Text and tune: Public domain

# Distribution Hymn: 642 O Living Bread from Heaven



1 O liv - ing Bread from heav - en, How well You  
 2 My Lord, You here have led - me To this most  
 3 You gave me all I want - ed; This food can  
 4 Lord, grant me then, thus strength - ened With heav'n - ly



feed Your guest! The gifts that You have giv - en  
 ho - ly place And with Your - self have fed me  
 death de - stroy. And You have free - ly grant - ed  
 food, while here My course on earth is length - ened,



Have filled my heart with rest. Oh, won - drous food of  
 The trea - sures of Your grace; For You have free - ly  
 The cup of end - less joy. My Lord, I do not  
 To serve with ho - ly fear. And when You call my



bles - ing, Oh, cup that heals our woes! My heart, this  
 giv - en What earth could nev - er buy, The bread of  
 mer - it The fa - vor You have shown, And all my  
 spir - it To leave this world be - low, I en - ter,



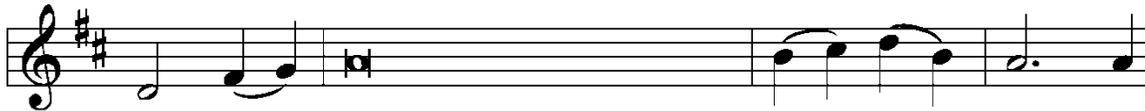
gift pos - sess - ing, With prais - es o - ver - flows.  
 life from heav - en, That now I shall not die.  
 soul and spir - it Bow down be - fore Your throne.  
 through Your mer - it, Where joys un - min - gled flow.

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Stand

## Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -



cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,

a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy

peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and

to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,

is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

## Thanksgiving

LSB 200

**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

### **P** Let us pray

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** A - men.

## Salutation

LSB 201

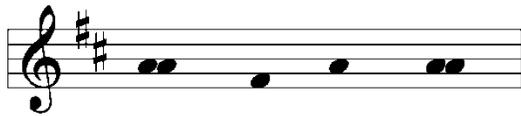
**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

## Benedicamus & Benediction

LSB 202



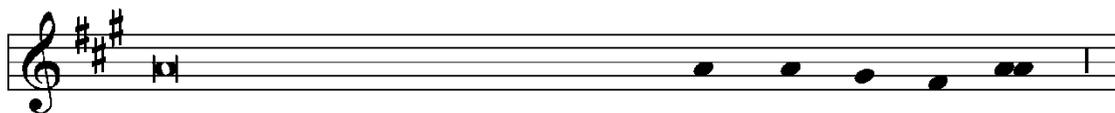
**A** Bless we the Lord.



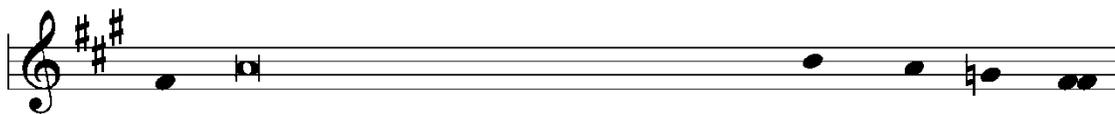
**C** Thanks be to God.



**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

## Hymn to Depart: 437 Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed



1	A - las!	And	did	my	Sav - ior	bleed,	And		
2	Was	it	for	crimes	that	I	had	done	He
3	Well	might	the	sun	in	dark - ness	hide	And	
4	Thus	might	I	hide	my	blush - ing	face	While	
5	But	drops	of	grief	can	ne'er	re - pay	The	



did	my	sov - 'reign	die?	Would	He	de - vote	that		
groaned	up - on	the	tree?	A - maz - ing	pit - y,				
shut	his	glo - ries	in	When	God,	the	might - y		
His	dear	cross	ap - pears,	Dis - solve	my	heart	in		
debt	of	love	I	owe;	Here,	Lord,	I	give	my -



# **MISSION OF THE MONTH – Landon’s Light**

**(see March Newsletter for whole story)**

The Landon’s Light Foundation has been created to share the pieces of Landon that brought so many of us together. Cancer did not define Landon. His faith, kindness, compassion, strength and courage defined him. The values he demonstrated throughout his life served as an inspiration to many. We plan to honor the lasting impact of his life by shining his light and teaching others to simply “Live like Landon.”

Landon’s Light Foundation wants to be the light that brightens the path for others. This is achieved by granting a Miracle Moment for kids diagnosed with a serious medical condition such as malignant cancer and/or a critical condition having a progressive or deteriorating impact. Throughout the year, the Foundation strives to provide a small piece of hope, compassion and comfort to families during difficult times.

## **Prayer Family**

Andy, Stephanie and Maverick Stroh

400 4<sup>th</sup> Ave SE

Gwinner, ND 58040

## **Cleaners**

Mar. 15-21: Eric & Brook Olson, Sam & Beka Helm, Duane & Shelli Begemann

## **FB Live for the Month of March**

15<sup>th</sup> Brian 18<sup>th</sup> Evan 22<sup>nd</sup> Cindy 25<sup>th</sup> Andrew 29<sup>th</sup> Greg

## **Ushers for the Month of March**

15<sup>th</sup> Ron 18<sup>th</sup> Brian 22<sup>nd</sup> Andrew 25<sup>th</sup> Greg 29<sup>th</sup> Grover

## **Pastor’s Study Hours**

**Monday: 8:30-noon**

**Tuesday: 8:30-noon 1-3:30 pm**

**Wednesday: 8:30-9:00 am 10-noon 1:30-4:30 pm (Redeemer)**

**Thursday: 8:30-noon 1-2:30 pm**

**Friday: Day off this week**

# This Week in the Congregation of Zion

**Today**      **9:15 am** Sunday School  
**10:00 am** Divine Service with Holy Communion  
**11:15 am** Coffee  
**11:30 am** Bible Study  
**2:00 pm** Confessions Study @ Redeemer

**Tues. 17<sup>th</sup>**      **2:00 pm** LWML

**Wed. 18<sup>th</sup>**      **9:00 am** Bible Study  
**5:30pm** Lenten Dinner  
**6:30 pm** Midweek-Vespers

**Sun. 22<sup>nd</sup>**      **9:15 am** Sunday School  
**10:00 am** Divine Service with Holy Communion  
**11:15 am** Coffee  
**11:30 am** Bible Study

## Attendance & Giving at Zion

**Sunday, Mar. 8**

Worship Attendance: 47

Catechesis: 7

Category	Received Last Week	Received for March	Monthly Goal	YTD Received	YTD Needed	Over/Under Goal
General Fund	\$ 3,754.18	\$ 5,814.18	\$ 13,124.83	\$ 20,859.18	\$ 30,288.08	\$ (9,428.90)
Misc. Income	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.50		\$ 2.50		
Building Fund	\$ 520.00	\$ 1,070.00		\$ 1,790.00		
Cemetery Fund		\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00		
Memorial Fund						
Vehicle Fund						
ND Missions	\$ 990.00	\$ 1,290.00	\$ 2,166.67	\$ 4,345.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ (655.00)
Mission of Month	\$ 446.38	\$ 741.38		\$ 2,634.14		
Parking Lot						

Zion's Income Goal: \$ 157,498.00

ND Mission Goal: \$ 26,000.00

**Did you know.... We offer the convenience of electronic giving?**

Simply follow these easy steps:

- 1) Visit the church website at [www.zionwinner.org](http://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.

# Prayer and Petitions



March 15, 2026

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

## **Remembering Our Shut-Ins**

Donna Olson and Martha Asche at Beverly Ann, Lisbon

Iris Meyer at Forman Villas

Teresa Rodahl and Corrine Haussler at Four Seasons Manor, Forman

## **Remembering Those Who Serve**

Rick Gaden: National Guard

Nate Utecht: US Navy in Washington DC

Chris Mathias, Bob Orn, Sam Helm: Volunteer Fire & Rescue



EXPLAINING LUTHERANISM TO NON-LUTHERANS... Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. You can listen

to a series of interviews with Dr. Jordan Cooper, author of the new book "Lutheranism for Non-Lutherans," at [issuesetc.org/nonlutherans](http://issuesetc.org/nonlutherans).

**Lenten dinners** are being served on Wednesdays. Please see the sign up sheet on the bulletin board by the kitchen and sign your name, if you would like to help out.

In conjunction with members of the education board of each congregation, and also elders meeting, a decision was reached to **begin joint family nights between Zion and Redeemer congregations.**

Whatever your family is (husband/wife/children; husband/wife; widow or single) come and join us at Zion on **Friday, March 27, 5:30-9:30 p.m.** Bring your favorite board game or card game to enjoy with others. A sign-up sheet to determine approximate numbers of attendees, with details, is available. **Sign up by Monday, March 23,** and indicate if willing to provide a food item.

**From the ND District DP:** Lent is a wonderful time to form or renew the habit of daily Scripture reading. One simple way to do this is by praying the Psalms daily. During Lent, I like to focus on the penitential Psalms: Psalms 6, 32, 38, 51, 102, 130, and 143. These Psalms give words to our repentance and deliver the precious Gospel into our ears. I encourage you to take a few minutes each day to meditate upon the Psalter. -Rev. Mark Chepulis, North Dakota District President

## **Mining the Scriptures and Confessions**

Closed communion is a Biblical doctrine that has been sorely neglected in the churches in America. For this very reason, among others, the LCMS is in fellowship with many more Lutheran churches in foreign countries than in our native land. The reason for this is not complicated. People in foreign countries are embracing and loving the doctrine of the Scriptures and Confessions they are being taught in those places. They are hungry for Jesus and His righteousness, and His church. They want to be faithful to God's word and to the Confessions of the church.

There are currently 41 Lutheran churches in other countries with which the LCMS

is in full altar and pulpit fellowship. Full altar and pulpit fellowship means that these churches agree with all the articles of doctrine taught by the word of God, and in our catechism and Confessions. Currently there is one other Lutheran church in America with which the LCMS is in fellowship, The American Association of Lutheran Churches (AALC). Why only one Lutheran church in America. Again, the answer is not complicated. Departures by many and various Lutheran bodies, both older and newer ones, from various articles of the Christian faith taught in the Bible and the Book of Concord, have necessitated these sad divisions.

I have been asked this question before: Why is our church so strict about communion? The answer to that question depends on how "strict" is defined. If strict is defined as both believing and putting into practice what God's word teaches, then we happily accept the term as is. If "strict" is defined as making up rules to follow, then the word is simply a false accusation, a "strawman" argument. The LCMS, since its inception, has not changed on closed communion. Sadly, other churches have changed, not only on the communion doctrine, but on other doctrinal matters, such as who can be pastors, who can be married, how many sexes there are, the bodily resurrection of Jesus, and others. We should pray that God would grant repentance to those churches in error, that they would return to loving both the Scriptures and the Confessions of Jesus' church (see Titus 2:1-10).