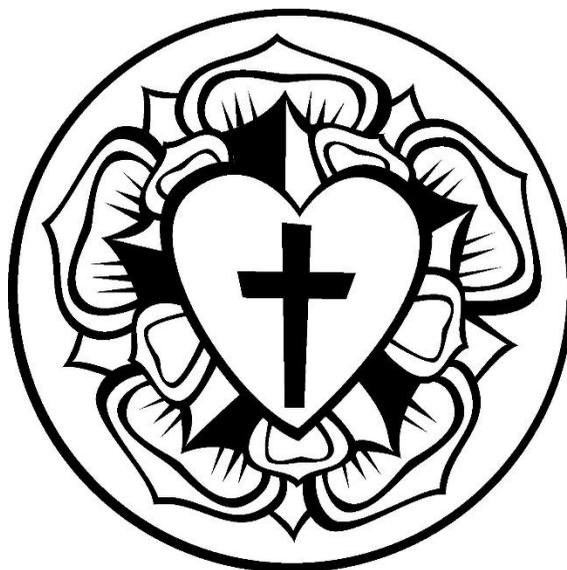


*Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church*  
*March 1, 2026*  
*Second Sunday of Lent*



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# Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church

If you are visiting with us for the first time, we invite you to sign our guest book at the Entrance to our Sanctuary. Our ushers are happy to assist you in any way. Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

**Holy Communion:** Participation in Holy Communion is open to all Christians that believe Christ is truly present in this sacrament. We now offer gluten free wafers for those requesting them. Let the Pastor know your preference.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SIGN THE ATTENDANCE PADS AT THE END OF EACH PEW. This is very helpful as it keeps us up to date on attendance numbers.

Circle of Prayer:           James Thomas  
                                      Kenneth & Sally Thomas

The Altar Flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God.

The Bulletin today is dedicated to the Glory of God and in honor of Joe Moser's birthday on March 6. Given by Sue Moser.

The Sanctuary Light is dedicated to the Glory of God and in honor of Joe Moser's birthday. Given by Jen and Bob Budnicki.

Lunches this month are dedicated to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Bob Teach's birthday. Given by Darlene Teach.

Please keep in prayer: Patty Allen, Randy Anderson, Loretta Bassler, Bob Bowers, Terry and Ellie Doub, Sally Drury, Kristine Griffith, Kay and Mary Guessford, AJ Haque, Ronnie Jackson, Robert Kerns, Sarah Kiley, Harry Knode, Rachel Knox, Saundra and Frank Largent, Charles Matlack, Liam Manuel, Vaughn Miller, Pat Myers, Linda Perry, Mackenzie Raidt, Driver Spade, Millie St. Peter, Dolly Trumpower, Diane Wollard.

Homebound & Shut Ins – Randy Anderson, Barbara Burger, Jean Brechbill, Terry Conrad, Bob Gordon, Dorothea Heavner, Demeta Matlack, Roger Nicodemus, Linda Perry, Marilyn Schoenian, Ien & Heng Ya Srun, Kitty Smalts, Bonnie Thomas, James Thomas.

**March 1, 2026**  
**Second Sunday of Lent**  
**Liturgy – Setting 5, Red Hymnal, Page 156**

**GATHERING**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE “A Pastoral Prelude” Phil Lehenbauer**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

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

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt  
and blots out all offenses.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Gracious God,  
**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**  
For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you:  
**Gracious God,**  
**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**  
For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word:  
**Gracious God,**  
**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**  
For failing to recognize your coming reign,  
and for hindering the work of the Spirit:  
**Gracious God,**  
**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**  
For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition,  
and for disdainingly the living water Christ offers:

**Gracious God,  
have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For disregarding voices from the margin,  
and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world:

**Gracious God,  
have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent,  
and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life:

**Gracious God,  
have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound.  
Through faith, the free gift of God,  
you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.  
The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead  
dwells in you,  
pours God's love into your hearts,  
and gives you life and peace.

**Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn: #831 The God of Abraham Praise (vs. 1-4)**

### **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 (Red Hymnal, Page 156)**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY (on insert)**

## **WORD**

**First Reading**

**Genesis 12:1-4a**

**Psalm**

**Psalm 121 (spoken)**

Second Reading

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (stand) (Red Hymnal, Page 160)

Gospel

John 3:1-17

After announcement: Glory to You, O Lord  
Response after reading: Praise to You, O Christ  
(Please be seated)

PREACHING OF THE WORD

Rev. Kimberly Nunberg-Wadel

Hymn of the Day #323 God Loved the World

THE APOSTLE'S 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

P/ Hear us O God, C/ Your mercy is great.

## **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

### **Musical Offering**

**8:15 am "Just As I Am"  
arr. Robin Dinda**

**10:45 am "Call to Remembrance"  
Richard Farrant  
Adult Choir**

## **MEAL**

**OFFERTORY Hymn #678 God Whose Giving Knows No Ending (Verses 1)**

### **OFFERING PRAYER (in unison)**

**O God, maker of heaven and earth,  
your steadfast love embraces all creation.  
You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth  
and bring forth its bounty.  
Through these gifts of bread and wine,  
draw us into the death and life of your Son,  
who calls us to bear witness to his saving work.  
We ask this in Jesus' name.**

**Amen.**

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Red Hymnal, page 161)**

The Lord be with you.

**And also 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.**

## **SANCTUS (Red Hymnal, Page 162)**

### **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER (Sung, Red Hymnal, page 163)**

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.

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Come to the table.

Feast on God's goodness and mercy.

## **AGNUS DEI (Red Hymnal, Page 164)**

**DISTRIBUTION:** Salvation and new life come to us through the bread and wine at Christ's command as he says, "This is my body given for you and this is my blood shed for you." Communion is being served at the altar in your pew. Follow the directions given by the Pastor & the Ushers.

## **MUSIC DURING COMMUNION**

**Hymn #759 My Faith Looks Up to Thee**

**Hymn #812 Faith of Our Fathers**

*Please stand*

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

God of our salvation,  
we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls,  
reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey.  
Through the body and blood of your Son,  
may we become Christ's body in the world,  
bearing witness to your love for all creation,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## **Blessing**

Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity:  
God, who calls all things into existence,  
Jesus Christ, who redeems us,  
and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation,  
bless you now and always.

**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN #638 Blessed Assurance**

## **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Believe the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude “Be Thou My Vision” arr. Dale Wood**

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## **THE WEEK AHEAD**

March 1, 2026

8:15 am

Worship Service

9:30 am

Sunday School

10:45 am

Worship Service

2:00 pm

Community Band Rehearsal

March 3, 2026

6:30 pm

Kinder Haven Board of Directors

7:00 pm

Jazz Band

March 4, 2026

8:00 am

Men’s Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)

11:00 am

Bible Study

February 26, 2026

6:00 pm

Bell Choir

6:30 pm

AA

7:00 pm

Choir

## WORSHIP SERVERS FOR MARCH 1, 2026

### Ushers

8:15 am Dave Knode  
10:45 am Vaughn Miller

### Greeters

8:15 am Terry & Debbie Grossnickle  
10:45 am Marjorie Dilworth

### Lay Readers

8:15 am Debbie Grossnickle  
10:45 am Charles Crown

### Communion Assistants

8:15 am Joe Moser and Darlene Teach  
10:45 am Charles Crown and Kathy Himes

8:15 am Acolyte: Dawson Miller      Crucifer:  
10:45 am Acolyte: Andrew Snook      Crucifer: Leah Snook

### Altar Care

8:15 am Matt & Gina Baker  
10:45 am Ed & Susie Shaw

### Film Schedule:

10:45 am Brandon Stiles

## WORSHIP SERVERS FOR MARCH 8, 2026

### Ushers

8:15 am John Doub  
10:45 am Randy Miles

### Greeters

8:15 am Ernie & Margie Stoner  
10:45 am Lesa & Joey Mason

**Lay Readers**

8:15 am Ernie Stoner  
10:45 am Ed Shaw

**Communion Assistants**

8:15 am Kathy Himes and Lois Dreisbach  
10:45 am Nicole Banzhoff and Lesa Mason

8:15 am Acolyte: Ian Baran Crucifer: Loren Baran  
10:45 am Acolyte: Brandon Stiles Crucifer: Jordyn Miles

**Altar Care**

8:15 am Matt & Gina Baker  
10:45 am Dawn Stiles

**Film Schedule:**

8:15 am The Baran Family

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Dear Ladies of Zion: I would like to extend my utmost gratitude to you all for the sympathy and help during my mother's passing. Enclosed is a check to cover the food cost for the luncheon. Mom loved you all and would always talk to you. Todd Snook.

This is the last Sunday to order Easter flowers. Please fill out the sheet today. The order must be placed March 2.

Calling all men!!!! Men's Fellowship is at 8:00 am on Wednesday in the Fellowship Hall. Breakfast is served. Come enjoy food, fellowship and some time in the word.

On March 6, 2026, Church Women United will host their World Day of Prayer at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church. The event begins at 11:00 am. Lunch will be served. For reservations, please call Tammy Coyle at 240-409-2410. Please see Lois Dreisbach for more information.

There are several sponsorship opportunities available for March and April. The cost to sponsor the bulletin is \$20.00; the sanctuary light is \$5.00; altar flowers are \$80.00. Please speak with the office if you would like to sponsor any of these.

SAVE THE DATE:

March 4, 2026

Men's Fellowship

March 6, 2026

Church Women United

March 29, 2026

Palm Sunday

March 29, 2026

Family Movie Night – ***Sight and Sound: Jesus***