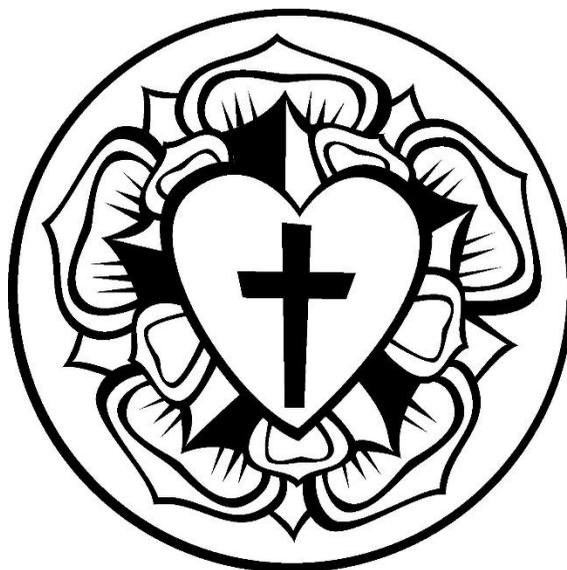


Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
March 15 2026
Fourth Sunday of Lent



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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: Ted & Carol Weitzel
 Cheryl Wilkes

The Altar Flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God and in honor of Emily Stiles' 21st birthday on March 11. Given by her family.

The Bulletin today is dedicated to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Ziggy Budnicki on the anniversary of his passing. Given by Bob & Jen Budnicki.

The Sanctuary Light is dedicated to the Glory of God and in honor of Mark & Sallie Johnson and family. Given Ed & Susie Shaw.

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, Sandra 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.

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Liturgy – Setting 5, Red Hymnal, Page 156

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “Lamb of God” arr. Lloyd Larson

Zion Handbell Choir

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 disdaining 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: #778 The Lord's My Shepherd

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

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Psalm

Psalm 23 (spoken)

Second Reading

Ephesians 5:8-14

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

Gospel

John 9:1-41

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 #610 O Christ, the Healer, We have Come

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 “Savior Like A Shepherd Lead Us”
arr. Mark Hayes**

**10: 45 am “How Great the Wisdom, and the Love”
arr. A. Laurence Lyon
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)

EUCHARISTIC 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 #789 Savior Like A Shepherd Lead Us

Hymn #714 O God of Mercy, God of Light

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 #815 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Dismissal

Go in peace. Believe the good news.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude “Postlude on Love Divine” arr. Jason D. Payne

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THE WEEK AHEAD

March 15, 2026

8:15 am

Worship Service

9:30 am

Sunday School

10:45 am

Worship Service

2:00 pm

Community Band Rehearsal

March 17, 2026

Noon

Garden Club

7:00 pm

Jazz Band

March 18, 2026

8:00 am

Men’s Fellowship (Hub City Diner)

11:00 am

Bible Study

March 19, 2026

6:00 pm

Bell Choir

6:30 pm

AA

7:00 pm

Choir

March 21, 2026

8:00 am

Spring Clean Up

10:00 am

Lunches

WORSHIP SERVERS FOR MARCH 15, 2026

Ushers

8:15 am Ray Thomas
10:45 am Marvin Gower

Greeters

8:15 am Carol & Jack Turner
10:45 am Paula & Kershner Wyatt

Lay Readers

8:15 am Carol Turner
10:45 am Paula Wyatt

Communion Assistants

8:15 am David Knode and Joe Moser
10:45 am Paula Wyatt and Kathy Himes

8:15 am Acolyte: Dawson Miller Crucifer:
10:45 am Acolyte: Eideann Banzhoff Crucifer: Sloane Dzbynski

Altar Care

8:15 am Matt & Gina Baker
10:45 am Paula Wyatt

Film Schedule:

10:45 am Brandon Stiles

WORSHIP SERVERS FOR MARCH 22, 2026

Ushers

8:15 am Chris Baran
10:45 am Vaughn Miller

Greeters

8:15 am Dave & Shirley Knode
10:45 am Sharon Raun

Lay Readers

8:15 am Ray Thomas

10:45 am Steve Himes

Communion Assistants

8:15 am Kathy Himes and Margie Wolverton

10:45 am Dawn Stiles and Brandon Stiles

8:15 am

Acolyte: Ian Baran

Crucifer: Loren Baran

10:45 am

Acolyte: Jordyn Miles

Crucifer: Rowan Harp

Altar Care

8:15 am Matt & Gina Baker

10:45 am Ed & Susie Shaw

Film Schedule:

8:15 am Bob Budnicki

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Spring Clean Up is scheduled for March 21, 2026, from 8 am – 11 am. We will be cleaning up the grounds outside in order to get ready for Easter. Please come help. Many hands make light work.

Our flower beds need some clean up attention as well. If you can help, even for an hour or two, please see Lois Dresibach.

If you have a child, that is at least 6 years older and is ready to begin the journey to taking Communion with our family, classes will be held in April. First Communion will be celebrated on April 26. Please see Pastor Kim for more information.

There will be one service on April 12, 2026, at 9:30 am. There will be a potluck in the Fellowship Hall after the service.

Ginny Slick would like to thank everyone for all of the birthday cards and well wishes. It truly made her day. Also, Ginny and the entire family would like to thank the Zion family for all of the prayers for her great-grandson, Liam Manuel. Liam is home now and getting stronger every day. Prayer really works.

The Williamsport Food Bank has the following needs for the month of March: cereal, canned beef stew, canned chicken and dumplings, vegetable soup, spaghetti and spaghetti sauce, beef or chicken cup o'noodles, canned peaches, canned pears, jarred applesauce, baked beans, canned chili, canned spinach, canned chicken, tuna, and peanut butter and grape jelly. Donations can be placed in the bin outside of the Fellowship Hall. If it is easier for you, you can make a monetary donation made payable to the Williamsport Food Bank. Thank you for your help and generosity.

SAVE THE DATE:

March 21, 2026

Spring Clean Up – 8:00 am

March 29, 2026

Palm Sunday

March 29, 2026

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