

# Divine Service



First Sunday in Lent

February 21, 2021

Zion Lutheran Church  
Kearney, Nebraska

## Welcome to Zion!

***All worshippers please fill out an attendance card in the pew rack and let us know how we might be of service to you.***

### **Holy Communion at Zion**

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation as Jesus has given it. As he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes. *All communicants* need to register in the narthex prior to the service.

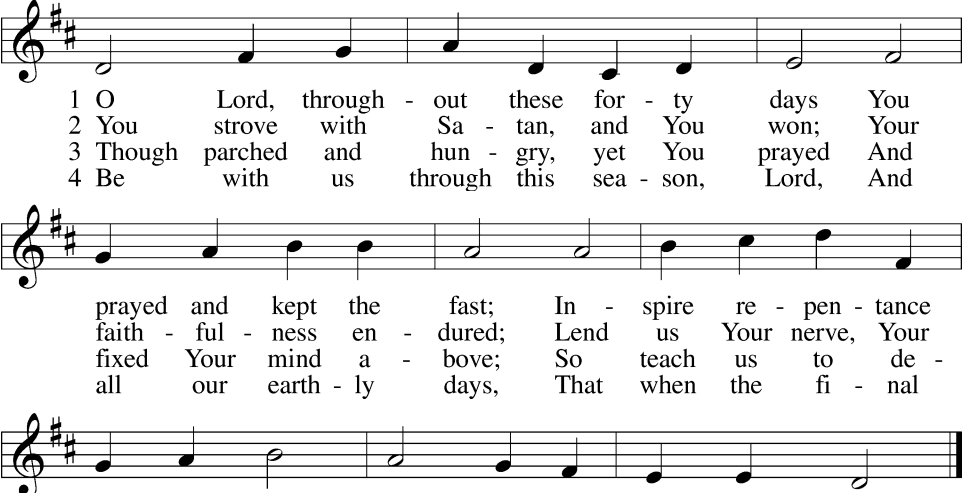
Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, are asked not to commune until they are able to speak with our pastor first. He is happy to visit with you about the Christian faith and how to receive the Lord's Supper for your good and for the good of others. Those not communing are invited to come to the altar, cross your arms in front of you, and bow your head to receive a pastoral blessing.

### ***Christ Jesus Defeats Our Temptation and Saves Us by His Faithfulness***

In faith and the fear of God, Abraham prepared to sacrifice his beloved son, Isaac. At the Word of the Lord, he *"took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son."* And *"when they came to the place of which God had told him,"* Abraham bound Isaac *"and laid him on the altar"* (Gen. 22:6, 9). Then God stayed Abraham's hand and provided *"for himself the lamb for a burnt offering"* (Gen. 22:8). That Lamb is God's own beloved Son, Jesus, in whom *"all the nations of the earth"* are blessed (Gen. 22:18). As the Substitute for all the sons of men, Jesus is driven by the Spirit *"into the wilderness"* to be *"tempted by Satan"* (Mark 1:12–13) in order to endure and defeat all temptation. We are tempted by our own desire, which conceives and *"gives birth to sin"* (James 1:14–15). But this blessed Man, Christ Jesus, remained *"steadfast under trial,"* and He has received *"the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him"* (James 1:12). His faithfulness, His victory and His life are now given to us by His grace in the Gospel.

# Confession and Absolution

## 418 O Lord, throughout These Forty Days



1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days You  
2 You strove with Sa - tan, and You won; Your  
3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet You prayed And  
4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, And

prayed and kept the fast; In - spire re - pen - tance  
faith - ful - ness en - dured; Lend us Your nerve, Your  
fixed Your mind a - bove; So teach us to de -  
all our earth - ly days, That when the fi - nal

for our sin, And free us from our past.  
skill and trust In God's e - ter - nal Word.  
ny our - selves, Since we have known God's love.  
Eas - ter dawns, We join in heav - en's praise.

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Stand

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

### Invocation

- P**

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C**

Amen.

### Exhortation

LSB 184

- 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.

## Confession of Sins

LSB 184

**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.

## Absolution

LSB 185

**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.

*Stand*

# Service of the Word

## Introit

But we will | bless the LORD\*

from this time forth and forevermore. | Praise the LORD!

As for me, I have | set my King\*

on Zion, my | holy hill.

I will tell of | the decree:\*

The LORD said to me, “You are my Son; today I have be- | gotten you.”

Praise the LORD, all | nations!\*

Extol him, all | peoples!

For great is his steadfast | love toward us,\*

and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. | Praise the LORD!

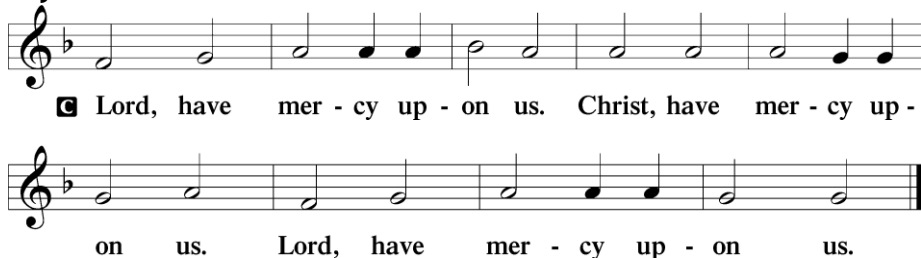
## Gloria Patri

LSB 186

**C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

## Kyrie

LSB 186



## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Let us pray.

O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; 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

*Genesis 22:1–18*

### The Sacrifice of Isaac

<sup>1</sup>After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” <sup>2</sup>He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.” <sup>3</sup>So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. <sup>4</sup>On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. <sup>5</sup>Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you.” <sup>6</sup>And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. <sup>7</sup>And Isaac said to his father Abraham, “My father!” And he said, “Here am I, my son.” He said, “Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” <sup>8</sup>Abraham said, “God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So they went both of them together.

<sup>9</sup>When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid

him on the altar, on top of the wood. <sup>10</sup>Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. <sup>11</sup>But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” <sup>12</sup>He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.” <sup>13</sup>And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. <sup>14</sup>So Abraham called the name of that place, “The LORD will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.”

<sup>15</sup>And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven <sup>16</sup>and said, “By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, <sup>17</sup>I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, <sup>18</sup>and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

*Hebrews 12:2*

[O come, let us fix our eyes on] | Jesus,\*  
the founder and perfecter | of our faith,  
who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despis- | ing the  
shame,\*  
and is seated at the right hand of the | throne of God.

## Epistle

*James 1:12–18*

<sup>12</sup>Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. <sup>13</sup>Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God,” for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. <sup>14</sup>But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. <sup>15</sup>Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

<sup>16</sup>Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. <sup>17</sup>Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup>Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Lenten Verse

LSB 157

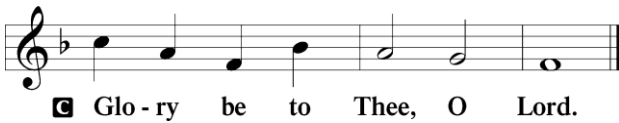


**C** Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra - cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in  
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

## Holy Gospel

Mark 1:9–15

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.



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

## The Baptism of Jesus

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

## The Temptation of Jesus

<sup>12</sup>The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup>And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.

## Jesus Begins His Ministry

<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”

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



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## Nicene Creed

**☩** I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
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.



# 656 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1 A might - y for - tress is our God,  
 2 With might of ours can naught be done,  
 3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill,  
 4 The Word they still shall let re - main

A trust - y shield and weap - on;  
 Soon were our loss ef - fect - ed;  
 All ea - ger to de - vour us,  
 Nor an - y thanks have for it;

He helps us free from ev - 'ry need  
 But for us fights the val - iant One,  
 We trem - ble not, the we fear no ill;  
 He's by our side up - on the plain

That hath us now o'er - tak - en.  
 Whom God Him - self e - lect - ed.  
 They shall not o - ver - pow'r us.  
 With His good gifts and Spir - it.

The old e - vil foe Now means  
 Ask ye, Who is this? Je - sus  
 This world's prince may still fierce  
 And take they our life, Goods, fame,

dead - ly woe; Deep guile and great might  
 Christ it is, Of Sab - a - oth Lord,  
 as he will, He can harm us none.  
 child, and wife, Though these all be gone,

Are his dread arms in fight; On earth  
 And there's none oth - er God; He holds  
 He's judged; the deed has is done; One lit -  
 Our vic - t'ry has been won; The King -

is not his e - qual.  
 the field for - ev - er.  
 tle word can fell him.  
 dom ours re - main eth.

## Sermon

*Stand*

## Offertory

*LSB 192*

**C** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

## Prayer of the Church

# 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.

## Proper Preface (Full)

**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,



bles - 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

- P** 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.
- C** **For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever  
and ever. Amen.**

## The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

- P** 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

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** **Amen.**

# 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**

## 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,



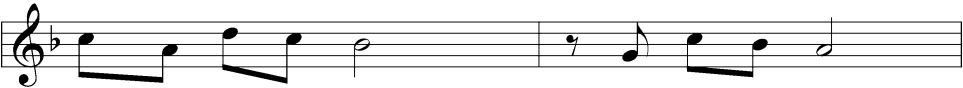
Give me Your grace and mer - cy.  
 To share Your cup of heal - ing.  
 As - sured of Your full par - don.  
 O Christ, my Lord of mer - cy!

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629 What Is This Bread



1	What	is	this	bread?	Christ's	bod - y
2	What	is	this	wine?	The	blood of
3	So	who	am	I,	That	I should
4	Yet	is	God	here?	Oh,	yes! By
5	Is	this	for	me?	I	am for -



ris - en from the dead:	This bread we break,
Je - sus shed for mine;	The cup of grace
live and He should die	Un - der the rod?
Word and prom - ise clear,	In mouth and soul
giv - en and set free!	I do be - lieve



This life we take,	Was crushed to pay for our re -
Brings His em - brace	Of life and love un - til I
My God, my God,	Why have You not for - sak - en
He makes us whole—	Christ, tru - ly pres - ent in this
That I re - ceive	His ver - y bod - y and His

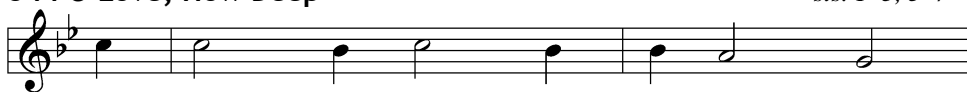


lease.	O taste and see—	the Lord is peace.
sing!	O taste and see—	the Lord is King.
me?	O taste and see—	the Lord is free.
meal.	O taste and see—	the Lord is real.
blood.	O taste and see—	the Lord is good.

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# 544 O Love, How Deep

sts. 1-3, 5-7



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high,  
 2 He sent no an - gel to our race,  
 3 For us bap - tized, for us He bore  
 5 For us by wick - ed - ness be - trayed,



Be - yond all thought and fan - ta - sy,  
 Of high - er or of low - er place,  
 His ho - ly fast and hun - gered sore;  
 For us, in crown of thorns ar - rayed,



That God, the Son of God, should take  
 But wore the robe of hu - man frame,  
 For us temp - ta - tion sharp He knew;  
 He bore the shame - ful cross and death;



Our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake!  
 And to this world Him - self He came.  
 For us the tempt - er o - ver - threw.  
 For us He gave His dy - ing breath.

6 For us He rose from death again;  
 For us He went on high to reign;  
 For us He sent His Spirit here  
 To guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

△ 7 All glory to our Lord and God  
 For love so deep, so high, so broad;  
 The Trinity whom we adore  
 Forever and forevermore.

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Stand

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## The Dismissal

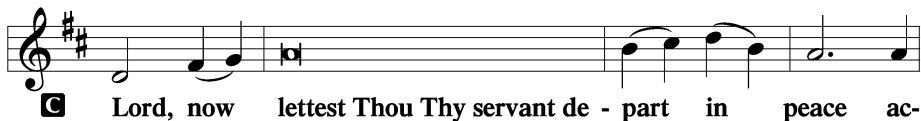
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**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart  $\text{✠}$  in peace.

**C** Amen.

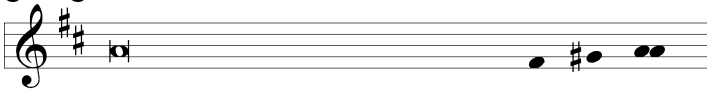
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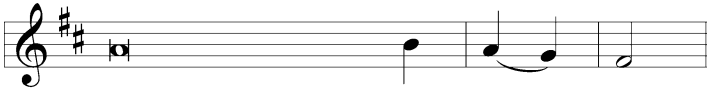


## Thanksgiving

LSB 200



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



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

## Post-Communion Collect

**A** 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** Amen.

## Salutation

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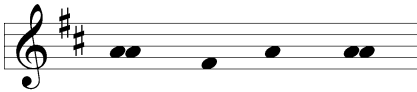
**P** The Lord be with you.



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

## Benedicamus

LSB 202



**A** Bless we the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

LSB 202

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

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

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

**C** Amen, amen, amen.

## 424 O Christ, You Walked the Road

sts. 1-3, 5



1 O Christ, You walked the road Our wan-d'ring feet must go.  
2 No bread of earth a-lone Can fill our hun-g'ring hearts.  
3 No blind-ing sign we ask, No won-der from a-bove.  
5 O Christ, You walked the road Our wan-d'ring feet must go.



You faced with us temp-ta-tion's pow'r And fought our an-cient foe.  
Lord, help us seek Your liv-ing Word, The food Your grace im-parts.  
Lord, help us place our trust a-lone In Your un-swer-v-ing love.  
Stay with us through temp-ta-tion's hour To fight our an-cient foe.

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## Prayers for Our Members

Jade Florang, Nicole Teten	Expectant Mother
Norman Abels ( <i>Brookestone Meadows - Elkhorn</i> )	Healing
Judy Ahrens	Healing
Vaughn Albrecht ( <i>Northridge</i> )	Healing
Tom & DyAnn Altwine	Healing
Jim Catterson	Healing
Lyle Colsden ( <i>Mother Hull</i> )	Healing
Pat Flodine ( <i>Cambridge Court</i> )	Healing
Vi Fox ( <i>Prairie View</i> )	Healing
Verleen Gentry	Healing
Ruby Hatfield	Healing
Boyd Millsap	Healing
Michelle Millsap	Healing
Roger Riekenberg	Healing
Don Richmond	Healing
Marion Richmond	Healing
Fran Junge	Cancer
Bev Nuttelman	Cancer
Kim Vos	Cancer

## Prayers for Our Members' Family & Friends

Dawn Gaunt ( <i>Pr. &amp; Carol Gaunt's daughter-in-law</i> )	Expectant Mother
Brandon & Shannon Howell ( <i>Quentin &amp; Janel Lange's friends</i> )	Expecting
Will Brennemann ( <i>Jami Helmbrecht's father</i> )	Healing
Reg Duke ( <i>Westman's brother-in-law</i> )	Healing
James Gentry ( <i>Verleen Gentry's son</i> )	Healing
Roger Hoffman ( <i>Marc's father</i> )	Healing
Sharon Kreutzer ( <i>former member</i> )	Healing
Lyra Mais ( <i>Zion student</i> )	Healing
Bailey Markowski ( <i>Steve &amp; Fran Junge's great niece</i> )	Healing
Mary Ann Mertz ( <i>Pam's Uhlir's friend</i> )	Healing
Tim Powers ( <i>Kim Wilken's brother</i> )	Healing
Roy Reynolds ( <i>Verleen Gentry's son-in-law</i> )	Healing
Lynne Saathoff ( <i>Verleen Gentry's sister-in-law</i> )	Healing
Randy Solomon ( <i>Beth Rosenthal's father</i> )	Healing
Janet Stalder ( <i>Carol Florang's sister</i> )	Healing
D.D. Dugger ( <i>Sue Kaiser's brother</i> )	Cancer
Ron Halvorsen ( <i>Jeff's dad</i> )	Cancer
Carol Haubold ( <i>Don Helmbrecht's sister</i> )	Cancer
Tyler Holland ( <i>Quentin &amp; Janel Lange's brother-in-law</i> )	Cancer
Randy Jochum ( <i>Ken Hockemeier's brother-in-law</i> )	Cancer
Fred Koch ( <i>Pam Uhlir's cousin</i> )	Cancer
Lynda Kreutzer ( <i>Rich &amp; Carol's sister-in-law</i> )	Cancer
John Moore ( <i>family of Susan Tonniges</i> )	Cancer
Sharon Mulhair ( <i>Pam Uhlir's cousin</i> )	Cancer
Jeannie Schmidt ( <i>Lisa Splittgerber's sister-in-law</i> )	Cancer
Tyrone Uhlir ( <i>Pam's nephew</i> )	Cancer

**Today's Radio Broadcast is given to the Glory of the Lord by  
Dave and Kay Banner in celebration of Dave's birthday and  
thanksgiving for his healing**

## **Serving in Worship**

**Sunday, February 21 ~ 9:00am**

Elder: Ken Hockemeier  
Usher: Roger Riekenberg & Robert Glanzer  
Engineer: Jared Nuttelman  
Announcer: Carol Kreutzer  
Altar Guild: Shirley Helmbrecht

**Wednesday, February 24 ~ 7:00pm**

Elder: Ken Hockemeier  
Usher: Roger Riekenberg & Robert Glanzer  
Engineer: Jared Nuttelman  
Altar Guild: Shirley Helmbrecht

**Sunday, February 28 ~ 9:00am**

Elder: Nathan Gaunt  
Usher: Mike Wilkens & Jeff Strong  
Engineer: Shawn Starkey  
Announcer: Brooke Fisher  
Altar Guild: Shirley Helmbrecht

### **Our Response to the Gospel**

Date: 02/14/2021

Offering: \$9,185.00

Weekly Need: \$7,542.37

## **This Week at Zion**

<b>Sun</b> <b>02/21</b>	<b>9:00a</b> <b>10:30a</b>	<b>Divine Service</b> <b>Radio Broadcast 1460am</b>
<b>Mon</b> <b>02/22</b>	<i>Birthdays</i>  <i>Anniversaries</i>	<i>William Herron</i> <i>Matthias Wollberg</i> <i>Charles Zehendner</i> ---
<b>Tues</b> <b>02/23</b>	<b>1:30p</b> <i>Birthdays</i> <i>Anniversaries</i>	<b>Sleeping Mats</b> --- ---
<b>Wed</b> <b>02/24</b>	<b>8:30a</b> <b>5:45p</b> <b>7:00p</b> <b>8:00p</b> <i>Birthdays</i>  <i>Anniversaries</i>	<b>Chapel</b> <b>Midweek</b> <b>Lent Service</b> <b>Adult Choir</b> <i>Arlee Abels</i> <i>Asher Splittgerber</i> ---
<b>Thurs</b> <b>02/25</b>	<i>Birthdays</i> <i>Anniversaries</i>	<i>Teresa Leising</i> ---
<b>Fri</b> <b>02/26</b>	<i>Birthdays</i> <i>Anniversaries</i>	--- ---
<b>Sat</b> <b>02/27</b>	<b>5:00p</b> <i>Birthdays</i>  <i>Anniversaries</i>	<b>Divine Service</b> <i>Emily Baker</i> <i>Margene Stevens</i> ---
<b>Sun</b> <b>02/28</b>	<b>9:00a</b> <b>10:30a</b> <i>Birthdays</i> <i>Anniversaries</i>	<b>Divine Service</b> <b>Radio Broadcast 1460am</b> <i>Lyle Colsden</i> <i>Jerry &amp; Nancy Dulitz</i>

Where our Triune God strengthens us through His  
mercy in faith toward Him and in fervent love  
toward one another.



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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**A Bible Study** - is prerecorded and available each Sunday, along with a study guide you can use to follow along. We are studying the three lessons for the day—the Old Testament, the Epistle, and the Gospel. Go to Zion's website [www.zionkearney.com](http://www.zionkearney.com) to access the video and study guide.

**Lenten Series** - In the Book of Joel, the prophet paints a vivid picture of the coming judgment of God, the Day of the Lord. The imagery is bold and terrifying: hordes of locusts swarming over the land and decimating everything. Joel's prophecy has teeth even today as wars rage, natural disasters threaten and destroy, and our culture seems to be unraveling. But right in the middle of this frightening portent, we find a tender invitation from the Lord: "Return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and He relents over disaster" (Joel 2:13). God's invitation and promise finds its fullness in Jesus Christ, who personifies and accomplishes all that God declares. During this season of Lent, we will consider the theme "Return to the Lord" and examine how the call to return played out in practical ways for the people who walked alongside Christ as He demonstrated and carried out God's grace and mercy on our behalf, taking God's wrath upon Himself, setting the stage for God to "turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind Him" (Joel 2:14). Each sermon in this series focuses on a particular event in the Passion, with a special focus on the people involved in the event. This will help to connect the hearers with Series Introduction their own sinful nature, to emphasize how we have turned away from the Lord, and to reinforce and rejoice in God's call for us to return to Him with all our heart.

**Reading the New Testament in Lent** - is a worthwhile and doable discipline. Simply read about 6-8 chapters a day, six days a week, beginning on Ash Wednesday and ending before Holy Thursday. A schedule of readings can be found on the purple sheet in the church entry. You can also pick up a yellow Bible reading check-off card to keep track of your Bible reading progress for the whole year.

**Bible Reading Cards** - A new set of Bible reading cards for the new year can be picked up in the church entryway. Each card is a tool to keep track of your Bible reading progress as you mark each chapter you have read in 2021. God works through His Word.



**Church Management Software** - Zion is excited to announce that we will be moving to a new church management software. It will have a lot of great features and flexibility. The QR code will be available soon to scan to view the church directory, get set up for online giving, just to explore the new software.

**Offering during this time.** If you are not able to attend live Church Services, you may: drop your offering in the mail slot by the south doors, mail it to the church, or use online giving option at [zionkearney.com](http://zionkearney.com). If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact the office at 308-234-3410 or [school@zionkearney.org](mailto:school@zionkearney.org). Thank you for supporting of your church!

**Mission Offerings** - The first quarter missions will support Lutherans for Life, January through March. If you would like to donate to this mission, please use the mission envelopes located in the narthex. Thank you for your support.

**Radio Broadcast** - Please help Zion spread the Gospel! There are several open dates. This is a great need since, many people are listening to our broadcast during this time.

**Masks** - According to Kearney City Ordinance No. 8457 masks are required "at a location that is open to the general public and where they cannot maintain six foot of distance."

## SCHOOL NEWS

**Registration Open** - Registration is now open for the 2021-2022. New this year is an all-day prekindergarten option! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the office. Please tell your family and friends about Zion. Enroll early to make sure you have a spot.

**Best of Kearney** - Best of Kearney 2021 has arrived, but with changes. From February 1-14 they are taking nominations. Then from March 1-16 is the voting. Please nominate Zion preschool under the daily living section and preschool. Thank you so much for your support!

<http://kearneyhub.secondstreetapp.com/Best-of-Kearney-2021/gallery?group=368765>

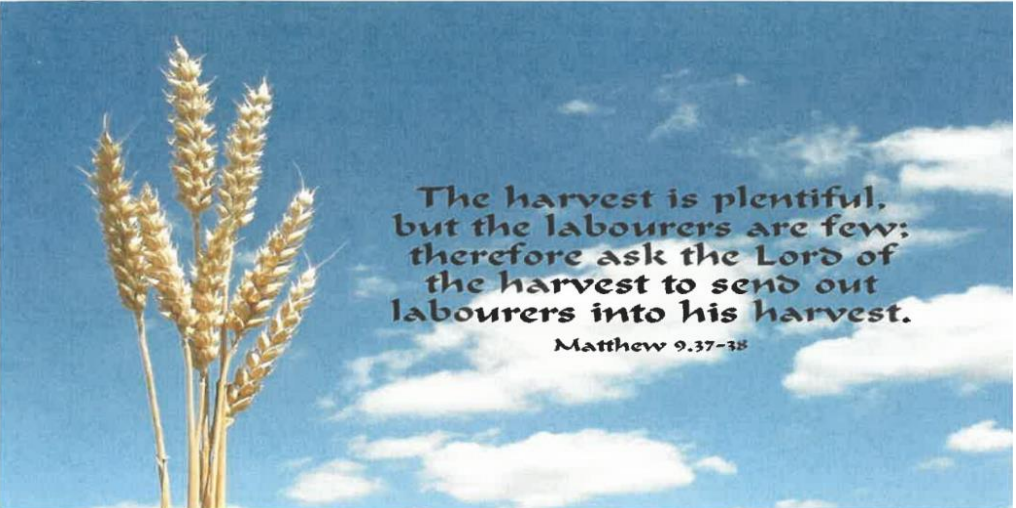
**New Teacher Search** - The search for another high quality Lutheran teacher has begun. Full time teachers in our school must be members of the LCMS (or willing to become so). The grade level will most probably be for the 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade. If you or someone you know might be interested in this position, please contact Mr. Splittgerber

**Scrip Cards** - Scrip cards are still available during this time. Visit the office during normal hours to purchase your gift cards.

**Part-time Cook Needed** - Zion is looking for a part-time cook! Tasks include meal prep, serving, and cleaning. Candidate strengths should include time-management and a positive disposition. The position is for 3 days week, 8-1 pm. Please share and contact the office with questions!

**Apple Market Receipts** - Apple Market receipts are due February 28, 2021 Please turn them into the office by then, so the school can get free class supplies. Thank you for supporting our school!

**Heartland Lutheran High School:** 8th Grade Students and Families: Heartland Lutheran High School in Grand Island is offering the Fall semester TUITION FREE for you to come join our Red Hornet family! We would love to have you as a student! Enrollment forms are available now with a registration discount if received by March 15. For more information, please contact [cliess@heartlandlutheran.org](mailto:cliess@heartlandlutheran.org).



**The harvest is plentiful,  
but the labourers are few;  
therefore ask the Lord of  
the harvest to send out  
labourers into his harvest.**

**Matthew 9:37-38**

### Stewardship of Time

Each of us have been given enough time to accomplish God's purpose for us on this planet. The scriptures exhort us to invest our time wisely, reminding us that God determines the length of our stay on earth. "Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men, but as wise, making the most of your time, because the days are evil." (Eph. 5:15-16). Toward the end of his life, Moses prayed, "So teach us to number our days, that we may present to Thee a heart of wisdom." (Ps. 90:12).

Time is our most valuable asset, but without a proper perspective, we will spend it foolishly. A biblical perspective on time involves several things:

1. Life is brief, and we cannot be presumptuous about the future (Jas. 4:14) "Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes."
2. The eternal gives meaning to the temporal (Rom 13:11); "Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed."
3. Like other assets, our time is owned by God (Ps 31:15) "My times are in your hands; deliver me from the hands of my enemies, from those who pursue me."
4. We must be sensitive to opportunities so that we can make the most of them (Eccles 8:5) "Whoever keeps a command will know no evil thing, and the wise heart will know the proper time and just way".
5. Our use of time will reflect our priorities. (Matt 6:19-21) "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Just as it is wise to budget our financial resources, it is also wise to budget our use of time. Most time is wasted not in hours, but in minutes. If we do not regularly assess the way we spend our 168 hours per week, our schedules will get cluttered with activities that may be good, but not the best. How much quality time do we spend with the Lord, with our spouse, with our children, and with our non-Christian friends? God wants us to be faithful stewards, and give back some of the time in our lives unto Him.