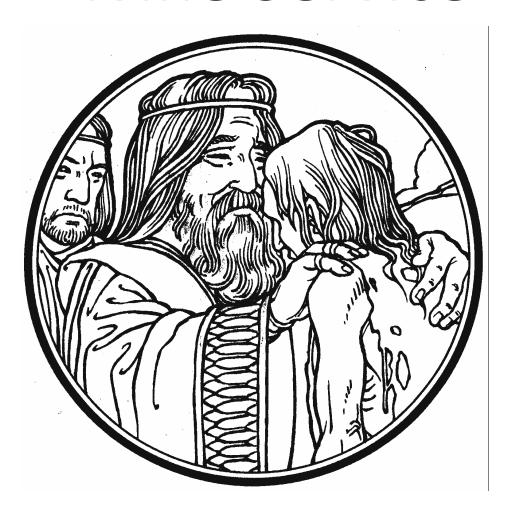
Divine Service



Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 27th, 2022 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 instituted it. As he says, so 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 repent of all sin, trust his words "given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," 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.

The Lord's Supper can harm those who receive it unworthily. Holy Communion is also a confession of the faith which is confessed at this 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, are asked not to commune until they are able to speak with our pastor first. He is most 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.

Jesus Christ Has Reconciled Us to the Father

God the Father has opened His heart to us in love. While we were "still a long way off," He saw us and "felt compassion" (Luke 15:20). Therefore, He gave His only begotten Son for us, making "him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God" (2 Cor. 5:21). By the ministry of reconciliation, He runs to us, embraces us in mercy and clothes us with His glory as beloved sons in Christ Jesus. And so we give thanks unto the Lord our God, who has taken away our sins and turned His anger from us (Is. 12:1). Because He has become our salvation, our strength and our song, we "will trust, and will not be afraid" (Is. 12:2).

Confession and Absolution

Hymn #569 "In Adam We Have All Been One"

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

Confession of Sins

LSB 184

- **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,
- 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,
- 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

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 51:2–6

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | steadfast love;*

according to your abundant mercy blot out my trans- | gressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my in- | iquity,*

and cleanse me | from my sin!

For I know my trans- | gressions,* and my sin is ever be- | fore me.

Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil | in your sight,* so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your | judgment.

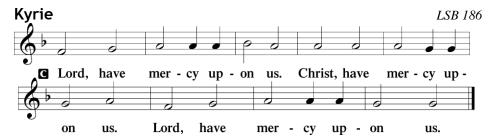
Behold, I was brought forth in in- | iquity,*

and in sin did my mother con- | ceive me.

Behold, you delight in truth in the inward | being,* and you teach me wisdom in the | secret heart.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | steadfast love;* according to your abundant mercy blot out my trans- | gressions.

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.



Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And with thy spirit.
- **P** Let us pray.

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

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 12:1-6

¹You will say in that day:

"I will give thanks to you, O LORD,

for though you were angry with me,

your anger turned away,

that you might comfort me.

²"Behold, God is my salvation;

I will trust, and will not be afraid;

for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song,

and he has become my salvation."

³With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. ⁴And you will say in that day:

"Give thanks to the LORD,

call upon his name,

make known his deeds among the peoples,

proclaim that his name is exalted.

5"Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;

let this be made known in all the earth.

⁶Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."

- **P** 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.

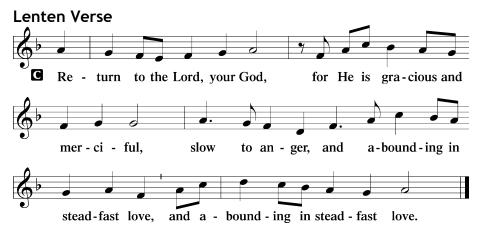
Epistle 2 Corinthians 5:16–21

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. ¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand



Holy Gospel

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fifteenth chapter.

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus]. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them."

³So he told them this parable: . . .

"There was a man who had two sons. ¹²And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them. ¹³Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. ¹⁴And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that

country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

17"But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! ¹⁸I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants." ²⁰And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. ²¹And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²²But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. ²³And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. ²⁴For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.

²⁵"Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. ²⁷And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.' ²⁸But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, ²⁹but he answered his father, 'Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!' ³¹And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C 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

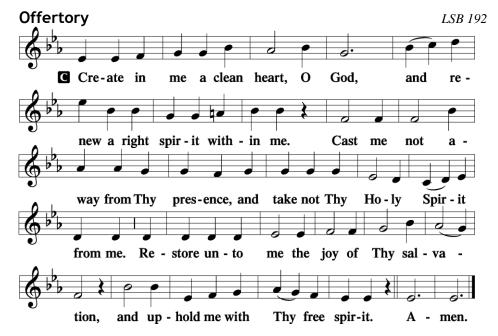
and the life \pm of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

Hymn #571 "God Loved the World So That He Gave"

Sermon

Stand



Prayer of the Church

Offering & Preparation

After the prayers please be seated. The altar is set for the Lord's Supper and the offering is consecrated. As you prepare to receive the sacrament you may use the prayers in the front of the hymnal or meditate on a communion hymn.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface LSB 194



P Lift up your hearts.

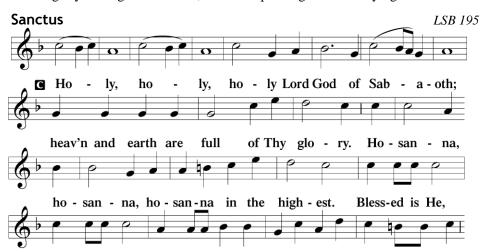


P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



Proper Preface

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:



bless-ed is He, bless-ed is He that cometh 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.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

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 + 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 + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."





Sit

Distribution

Hymn #609 "Jesus Sinners Doth Receive"

Hymn #629 "What Is This Bread"

Hymn #643 "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

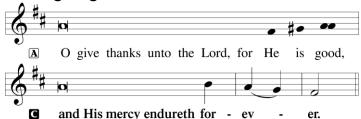
The Dismissal

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart

 → in peace.
- C Amen.



Thanksgiving LSB 200



Post-Communion Collect

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 Amen.

Salutation and Benedicamus

LSB 201-202

The Lord be with you.

• And with thy spir - it.

P Bless we the Lord.



Benediction LSB 202

Closing Hymn #923 "Almighty Father, Bless the Word"

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Prayers for Our Members			
Birth of Kyler Keith Nuttelman, son of	Thanksgiving		
Jared and Tenaya Nuttelman			
Norman Abels (Brookestone Meadows- Elkhorn)	Healing		
Judy Ahrens	Healing		
Vaughn Albrecht (Mount Carmel)	Healing		
Tom & DyAnn Altwine	Healing		
Lyle Colsden (Mother Hull)	Healing		
Mary Fiddelke	Healing		
Ryan Fisher	Healing		
Pat Flodine (Cambridge Court)	Healing		
Vi Fox (Prairie View)	Healing		
Bob Glanzer	Healing		
Verleen Gentry	Healing		
Ruby Hatfield	Healing		
Evelyn Heiden (Mother Hull)	Healing		
Lennis Hodgson	Healing		
Linda Luhn	Healing		
Diane Plummer	Healing		
Don Richmond	Healing		
Ivan Bombeck	Cancer		
Bertha Marienau	Cancer		
Kim Vos	Cancer		

Our Response to the Gospel Date: 3/20/2022

Date: 3/20/2022 Offering: 5,766

Weekly Need: \$7,457.69



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

Prayers for Our Members' Family 8	t Friends
Shaylee Kreutzer (Philip's wife)	Expecting
Elaine Arehart (Zion's Music Teacher)	Expecting
Amy Nuttelman (Keith's daughter-in-law)	Expecting
Jean Brooks (Bruce Brooks' & Becky Thornton's	Healing
sister-in-law)	
Larry Bombeck (Ivan's brother)	Healing
Reg Duke (Westman's brother-in-law)	Healing
Jason Ellingson (Friend of Desireé Fiddelke)	Healing
Vivian Fichtner (Ruby Hatfield's sister and wife of	Healing
former principal, Allen Fichtner)	
James Gentry (Verleen's son)	Healing
Roger Hoffman (Marc's father)	Healing
Chris Lallman (Cinda Ward's son)	Healing
Dillon Malchow (Joy Barefoot's nephew)	Healing
Jerry & Sandy Poe (Friends of Bartel's)	Healing
Tim Porter (LaRae Crow's brother-in-law)	Healing
Tim Powers (Kim Wilken's brother)	Healing
Howard Quandt (Don & Shirley Helbrecht's family)	Healing
Roy Reynolds (Verleen Gentry's son-in-law)	Healing
David Shiers (Jessica's father)	Healing
Randy Solomon (Beth Rosenthal's father)	Healing
Cole Vela (Bill and Jackie Ohlmann's grandson)	Healing
Beth Brown (Westmans' Neighbor)	Cancer
Jonah (Jase & Jarren Blattner's friend)	Cancer
Stuart Gronewoller (Lonna's brother-in-law)	Cancer
Linda Heapy (Janel Lange's mother)	Cancer
Ron Halvorsen (Jeff's dad)	Cancer
Sharon Mulhair (Pam Uhlir's cousin)	Cancer
Larry Saathoff (Verleen Gentry's brother)	Cancer
Rick Schnacker (Marilyn Fuqua's nephew)	Cancer
Tyrone Uhlir (Pam's nephew)	Cancer
Scott Catterson (Jim & Pat's Son)	Deployment
Tim Smallcomb (Wilkens' friend)	Deployment

Today's Radio Broadcast is sponsored by Todd & Ellen Koopman, in memory of their parents.

Today's Flower are sponsored by Todd & Ellen Koopman.

Worship Assistants

Sunday, March 27th~ 9:00am

Elder: Bruce Brooks
Usher: Mike Wilkens
Acolyte: Brynne Fisher
Engineer: Shawn Starkey
Announcer: Carol Kreutzer

Altar Guild: Mary Fiddelke & Lyn Hoffman

Book Nook: Jeanne Wollberg

Wednesday, March 30th - 7:00pm

Elder: Bruce Brooks Usher: Mike Wilkens Acolyte: Jarren Blattner Engineer: Shawn Starkey

Altar Guild: Shirley Helmbrecht

Sunday, April 3rd~ 9:00am

Elder: Eric Rosenthal Usher: Fred Flessner Acolyte: Grace Burger Engineer: Jamie Nikodym

Announcer: Lonna Gronewoller

Altar Guild: Ellen Hockemeier & Rachael Burger

Book Nook: Mary Fiddelke

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This Week at Zion

Sun	9:00a	Divine Service		
3/27	10:30a	Bible Study/Sunday School Radio Broadcast		
	10:30a			
		1460AM & 92.1FM		
	5:00p	Divine Service		
	6:15p	Our Life in Christ		
Mon	Birthdays	Sheryl Fox		
3/28		-		
Tues	1:30p	Sleeping Mats		
3/29				
Wed	8:00a	Chapel		
3/30	5:30p	Midweek		
	5:30p	Lenten Meal		
	6:00p	Bell Choir		
	7:00p	Lenten Service		
	8:00p	Adult Choir		
Thurs	Birthdays	Carol Florang		
3/31				
Fri	Anniversaries	James & Patricia Catterson		
4/1				
Sat	Anniversaries	Alton & Sylvia Schmitt		
4/2				
Sun	9:00a	Divine Service		
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		92.1FM		
	5:00p	Divine Service		
	6:15p	Our Life in Christ		
	Birthdays	Quentin Lange		
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Announcements for March 27th, 2022

7 Sins, 7 Virtues, and Jesus - 2022 Lenten Series

Please join us each Wednesday at 7 pm during this year's Lenten season! The first five Wednesdays at 5:30 pm a meal will precede the service.

March 30 th	Men's Bible Class
April 6 th	Zion Track Team

We are going to consider the Seven Deadly Sins and their corresponding Seven Holy Virtues. As Christians we cannot consider these without hooking them to Jesus Christ and his redemptive work for us and our salvation upon the tree of the cross. Each week we will consider a deadly sin, how it relates to God's commandments, and how it is evident in our lives. Then we will examine how Jesus not only models the Seven Holy Virtues for us, but also answers for our sins by his death and resurrection.

2022	7 Deadly Sins	7 Holy Virtues
3/30 - Midweek 4	Lust	Holiness
4/06 - Midweek 5	Gluttony	Temperance
4/14 - Maundy Thurs.	Sloth	Perseverance
4/15 - Good Fri.	Dying for Sin	Salvation

We are made holy and live holy lives only as we share in the holiness of Jesus and continually receive the Holy Spirit through our Lord's holy word and sacraments. We respond with thanks to God for our Savior, Jesus Christ, who suffered and died for the forgiveness of all your sins. We are also grateful that our Lord's mercy frees us to live a truly virtuous and godly life.

<u>Easter Lilies:</u> We are now accepting orders for Easter lilies! It is \$20/plant. The folder will be in the Fellowship Hall on Sundays and in the office the rest of the week. Have orders in by April 8th. Make checks out to Mary Martha.

<u>The Palm Sunday Luncheon</u>: will be served by Mary Martha after church on April 10th. The congregation does not need to bring anything but their appetite as Mary Martha members are bringing the main dishes, salads, and desserts. Proceeds from this dinner will go to the Carolyn Scott Rainbow House in Omaha.

<u>Bible Reading Cards</u>: Reading the New Testament in Lent is a worthwhile and doable discipline. A schedule of readings can be found on the purple sheet in the church entryway. You can also pick up a yellow Bible ready check-off card to keep track of your Bible reading progress for the whole year.

<u>Our Life in Christ</u> continues this evening, March 20th, at 6:15 p.m. following our 5 p.m. worship service. The class will meet six times to cover the basics of our Lutheran confession of the Christian faith. The class is offered for those, who want to become a communicant member at Zion or who simply want a review of our teaching. Please contact Pr. DeLoach (308.627.5260) to enroll.

Radio Broadcast & Altar Flowers - The sign-up sheets for the 2022 radio broadcast and altar flowers are up by the mailboxes! Please help Zion spread the Gospel and decorate the sanctuary.

<u>Ask Pastor DeLoach</u>: If an individual or organization seeks financial help from you, then our Board of Elders requests that you contact Pr. DeLoach to 1) advise you on the legitimacy of the request and 2) help coordinate the Zion's mercy work with our community agencies.

Offering Options:

- 1) Place in the offering plate as you enter or leave the sanctuary.
- 2) Go to zionkearney.churchtrac.com/give
- 3) Go to zionkearney.com and click on the ChurchTrac icon.
- 4) Mail to Zion Lutheran Church, 2421 C Ave, Kearney, NE 68847.
- 5) Insert in the mail slot on the south side of the building.



Zion Lutheran School Chris-Centend, Clerical Education SCHOOL NEWS



The theme for our school year is "Together by Christ's Love" based on 1 John 4:7-8.

- † Plant Sales: Be sure to have all orders in by this Thursday, March 31st. Extra forms are available at the office.
- Track & Field: Practice is underway and the season starts on April 5th! Come support the track and field team! Check the app for the season's schedule.
- * Registration for 2022-2023 School Year: Be sure to have your registration fees in soon!