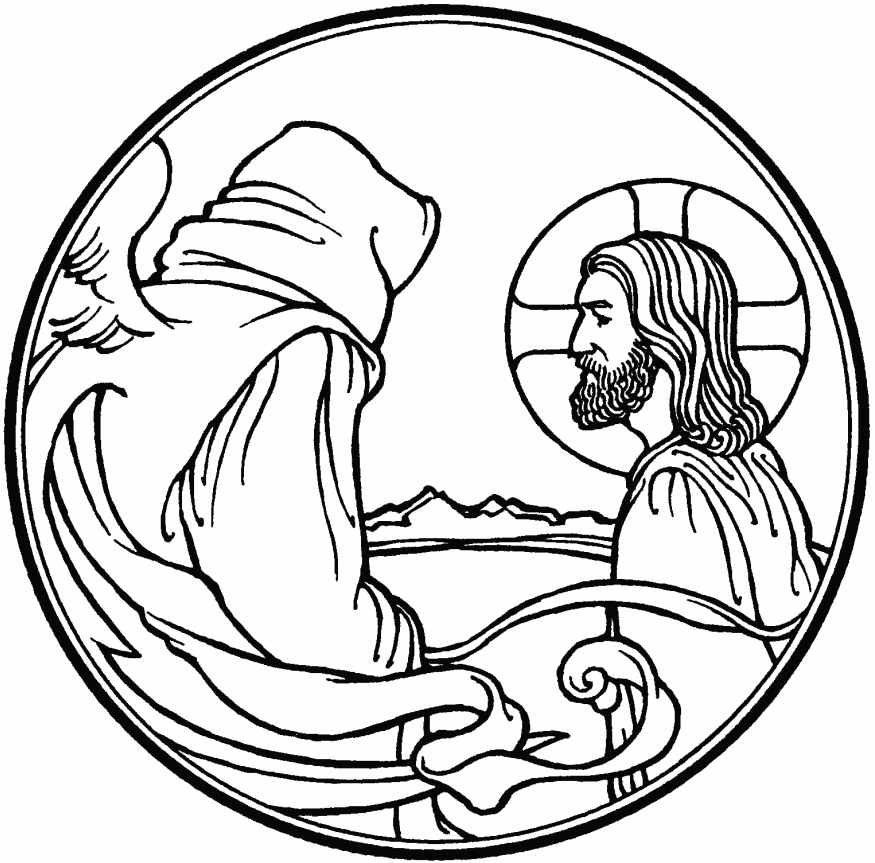


Divine Service



The First Sunday in Lent

February 22nd, 2026

Zion Lutheran Church

Kearney, Nebraska

A Warm Welcome to Our Guests!

Please sign our guest book in the narthex or a pew card so we know how we can best serve you. If you are a member in good standing of a sister LC-MS congregation, we invite you to commune with us. Members of other church bodies with whom we are not in confessional fellowship are asked to please refrain from communing. Our pastor will be happy to explain how our desire for Christian care and unity is shown in our communion practice. All communicants need to register in the narthex prior to the service. 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' Wilderness Victory Over the Devil Leads to the Justification of All

Following His Baptism, Jesus is “led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil” (Matt. 4:1). As He takes upon Himself the curse of our sin and sets Himself against our enemy, He trusts His Father’s voice and waits upon His Father’s hand for all things. The devil questions His sonship, but the beloved and well-pleasing Son remains faithful and lives “by every word that comes from the mouth of God” (Matt. 4:4). Jesus patiently suffers hunger in His mortal flesh and returns to the dust whence man was taken, and by His pain He brings forth food for all the children of men (Gen. 3:18–19). By the sweat of His brow, we eat the fruit of His cross, even as our nakedness is covered by His righteousness. Although all people live in bondage to death through the trespass of the first man, Adam, all the more “have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many” (Rom. 5:15). His righteous obedience “leads to justification and life for all men” (Rom. 5:18).

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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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

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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

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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

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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.

G Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 91:9–13; antiphon: vv. 15–16

When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in | trouble;*

I will rescue him and | honor him.

With long life I will sat- | isfy him*

and show him my sal- | vation.

Because you have made the LORD your | dwelling place—*

the Most High, who is my | refuge—

no evil shall be allowed to be- | fall you,*

no plague come | near your tent.

For he will command his angels con- | cerning you*

to guard you in | all your ways.

On their hands they will | bear you up,*

lest you strike your foot a- | gainst a stone.

You will tread on the lion and the | adder;*

the young lion and the serpent you will trample | underfoot.

When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in | trouble;*

I will rescue him and | honor him.

With long life I will sat- | isfy him*

and show him my sal- | vation.

Gloria Patri

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G Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

Kyrie

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



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

* We do not sing the Hymn of Praise during the penitential season of Lent.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

P 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 A - men.

Please be seated

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 3:1–21

¹Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made.

He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’” ²And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’” ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. ⁵For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” ⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

⁸And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” ¹⁰And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” ¹¹He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” ¹²The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” ¹³Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

¹⁴The LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. ¹⁵I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”

¹⁶To the woman he said, “I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you.”

¹⁷And to Adam he said, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, ‘You shall not eat of it,’ cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; ¹⁸thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. ¹⁹By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

²⁰The man called his wife’s name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. ²¹And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

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

Romans 5:12–19

¹²Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— ¹³for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man’s trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. ¹⁶And the free gift is not like the result of that one man’s sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. ¹⁷If, because of one man’s trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

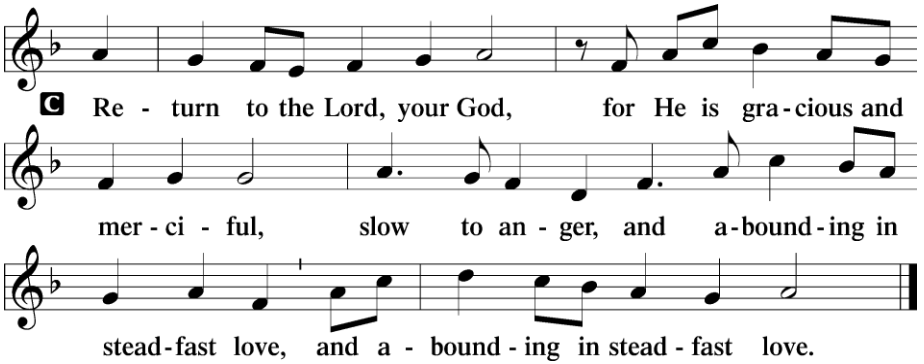
¹⁸Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. ¹⁹For as by the one man’s disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man’s obedience the many will be made righteous.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand in reverence to Christ

Lenten Verse



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

Matthew 4:1-11

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourth chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.
²And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³And the tempter came
and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves
of bread." ⁴But he answered, "It is written,

"Man shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple
⁶and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,
"He will command his angels concerning you,"

and
"On their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone."

⁷Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the
test.'" ⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the
kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹And he said to him, "All these I will give
you, if you will fall down and worship me." ¹⁰Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone,
Satan! For it is written,

"You shall worship the Lord your God
and him only shall you serve."

¹¹Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

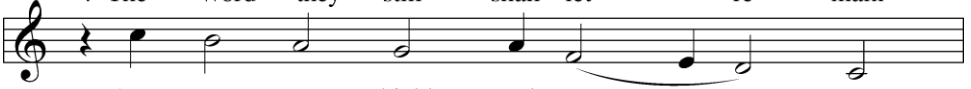
C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance 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 \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

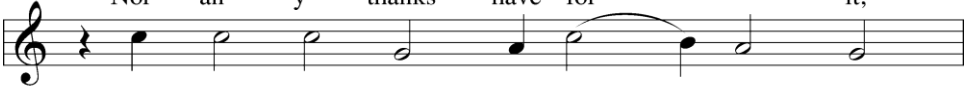
656 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



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



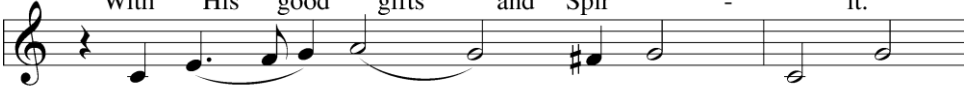
A trust - y shield and weap - on;
 Soon were our loss ef - fect - ed;
 All ea - ger to de - vour us,
 Nor an - y thanks have for it;



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



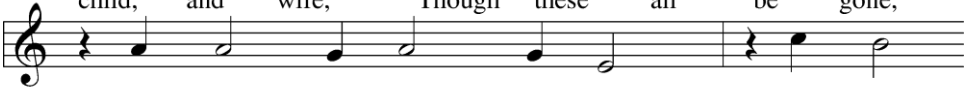
That hath us now o'er - tak - en.
 Whom God Him - self e - lect - ed.
 They shall not o - ver - pow'r us.
 With His good gifts and Spir - it.



The old e - vil foe Now means
 Ask ye, Who is this? Je - sus
 This world's prince may still Scowl 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 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

Please stand

Offertory

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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.

Prayers of the Church

Sharing the Peace

Following the prayers, you may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you". Shaking hands is not required unless one is comfortable doing so. Please respect your neighbor's needs.

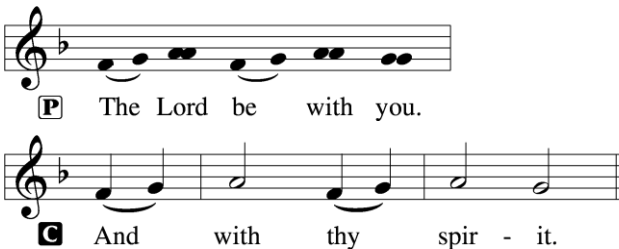
Consecration of the Offering

After the peace 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

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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.

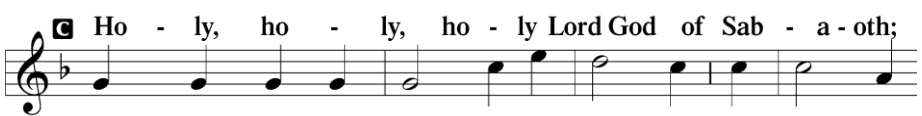


C It is meet and right so to do.

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

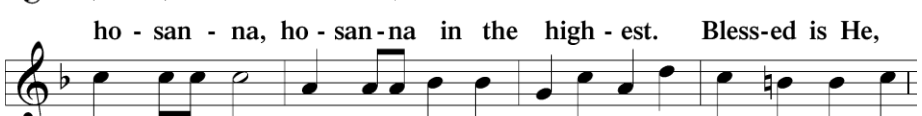
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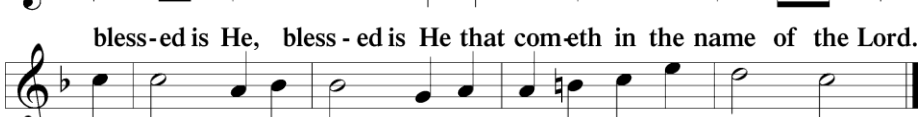
C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



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, bles - 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

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C 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 \dagger 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 \dagger 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

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



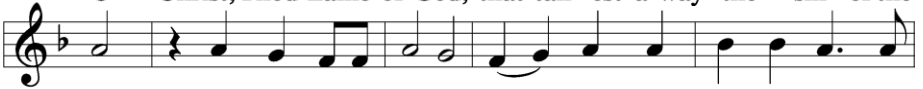
C A - men.

Agnus Dei

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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.

Please be seated

Distribution

561 The Tree of Life

1 The tree of life with ev - 'ry good In E - den's
2 The still - ness of that sa - cred grove Was bro - ken,
3 What mer - cy God showed to our race, A plan of
4 Now from that tree of Je - sus' shame Flows life e -

ho - ly or - chard stood, And of its fruit so pure and
as the ser - pent strove With tempt - ing voice Eve to be -
res - cue by His grace: In send - ing One from wom - an's
ter - nal in His name; For all who trust and will be -

sweet God let the man and wom - an eat. Yet in this
guile And Ad - am too by sin de - file. O day of
seed, The One to fill our great - est need— For on a
lieve, Sal - va - tion's liv - ing fruit re - ceive. And of this

gar - den al - so grew An - oth - er tree, of which they
sad - ness when the breath Of fear and dark - ness, doubt and
tree up - lift - ed high His on - ly Son for sin would
fruit so pure and sweet The Lord in - vites the world to

knew; Its love - ly limbs with fruit a -
death, Its aw - ful poi - son first dis -
die, Would drink the cup of scorn and
eat, To find with - in this cross of

dorned A - gainst whose eat - ing God had warned.
played With - in the world so new - ly made.
dread To crush the an - cient ser - pent's head!
wood The tree of life with ev - 'ry good.

422 On My Heart Imprint Your Image



On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,



That life's rich-es, cares, and plea-sures Nev - er may Your work e-raise;



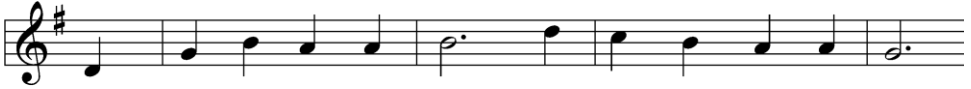
Let the clear in - scrip-tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,



Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

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628 Your Table I Approach



1 Your ta - ble I ap - proach; Dear Sav - ior, hear my prayer.
2 Lord, I con - fess my sins And mourn their wretch - ed bands;
3 Your bod - y and Your blood, Once slain and shed for me,
4 Search not how this takes place, This won - drous mys - ter - y;



Let not an un - re - pen - tant heart Prove hurt - ful to me there.
A con - trite heart is sure to find For - give - ness at Your hands.
Are tak - en at Your ta - ble, Lord, In blest re - al - i - ty.
God can ac - com - plish vast - ly more Than what we think could be.

5 O grant, most blessèd Lord,
That earth and hell combined
May not about this sacrament
Raise doubt within my mind.

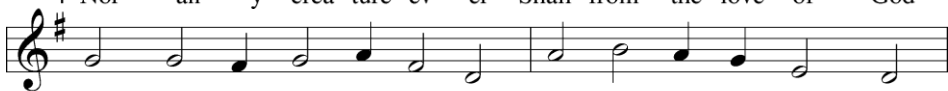
6 Oh, may I never fail
To thank You day and night
For Your true body and true blood,
O God, my peace and light.

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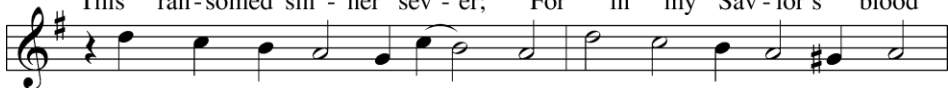
746 Through Jesus' Blood and Merit



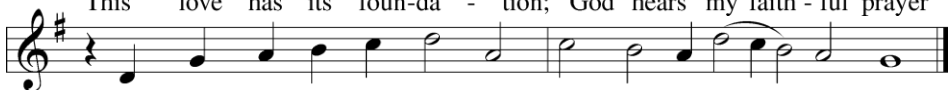
1 Through Je - sus' blood and mer - it I am at peace with God.
 2 There's noth - ing that can sev - er From this great love of God;
 3 For nei - ther life's temp-ta - tion Nor death's most try - ing hour
 4 Nor an - y crea-ture ev - er Shall from the love of God



What, then, can daunt my spir - it, How - ev - er dark my road?
 No want, no pain what - ev - er, No fam - ine, per - il, flood.
 Nor an - gels of high sta - tion Nor an - y oth - er pow'r
 This ran-somed sin - ner sev - er; For in my Sav - ior's blood



My cour - age shall not fail me, For God is on my side;
 Though thou - sand foes sur - round me, For slaugh - ter mark His sheep;
 Nor things that now are pres - ent Nor things that are to come
 This love has its foun-da - tion; God hears my faith - ful prayer



Though hell it - self as - sail me, Its rage I may de - ride.
 They nev - er shall con-found me, The vic - t'ry I shall reap.
 Nor height, how - ev - er pleas - ant, Nor dark - est depths of gloom
 And long be - fore cre - a - tion Named me His child and heir.

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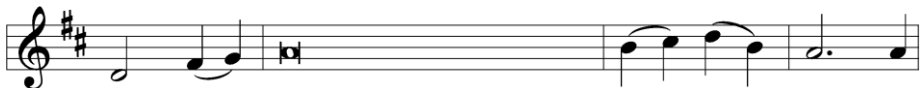
The Dismissal

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

G Amen.

Nunc Dimittis

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G 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,



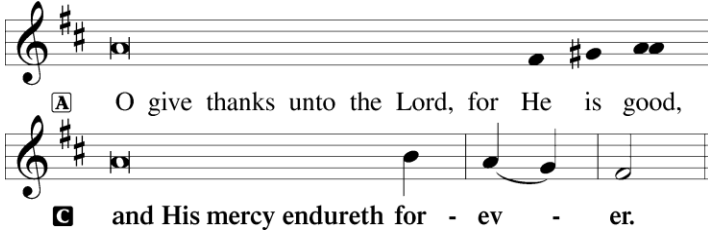
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy



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 with - out end. A - men.

Thanksgiving

LSB 200



A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
G and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

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.



G A - men.

Salutation

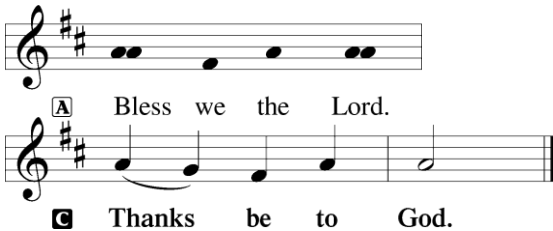
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P The Lord be with you.
G And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

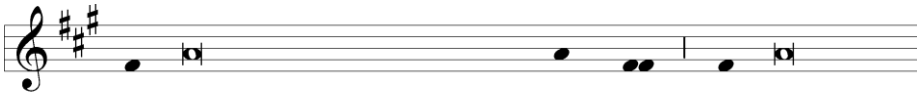
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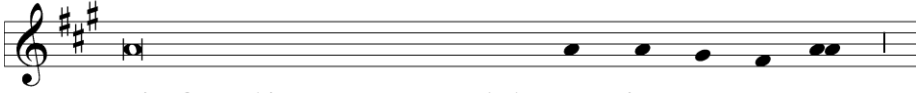
A Bless we the Lord.
G Thanks be to God.

Benediction

LSB 202



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



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



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



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

424 O Christ, You Walked the Road



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.
4 When lures of eas - y gain With prom - ise bright - ly shine,
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 - swerv - ing love.
Lord, help us seek Your king - dom first; Our wills with Yours a - lign.
Stay with us through temp - ta - tion's hour To fight our an - cient foe.

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Prayers for Our Members

Jessica Zehendner (Concordia Elem, Ft. Wayne, IN)	Call Deliberation
Kristen Peterson	Expecting
Gary Albers (<i>St. Luke's</i>)	Healing
Vaughn Albrecht (<i>Mt. Carmel</i>)	Healing
DyAnn Altwine	Healing
Dave Banner	Healing
Jim Catterson	Healing
Rich Crow	Healing
Pat Flodine (<i>Homestead</i>)	Healing
Jade Florang	Healing
Marilyn Fuqua	Healing
Levi Gaunt	Healing
Jerry Hansen	Healing
Jan Hatfield	Healing
Ruby Hatfield	Healing
Evelyn Heiden (<i>Mother Hull</i>)	Healing
Lennis Hodgson	Healing
Gwen Holtz	Healing
Keith Nuttelman	Healing
Don Richmond	Healing
Marion Richmond	Healing
Debra Schinkel	Healing
Lincoln Baker	Cancer
Jill Bates	Cancer

Prayers for Our Members' Family & Friends

Shaylee Kreutzer (<i>Kreutzer's daughter-in-law</i>)	Expecting
Amy Nuttelman (<i>Chris' wife</i>)	Expecting
Kaylee White (<i>Emily Vos' friend</i>)	Expecting
Naomi Wollberg (<i>Matthias' wife</i>)	Expecting
Joan Bentley (<i>Kreutzer's friend</i>)	Healing
Doug Bierman (<i>Koopman's friend</i>)	Hospice
Randy Fritson (<i>Carol Herron's friend</i>)	Healing
Barb Glover (<i>Shirley Helmbrecht's sister</i>)	Healing
Sharon Jones (<i>Rhonda Nielson's mom</i>)	Healing
Cadence Markowski (<i>Steve Junge's grandniece</i>)	Healing
Melissa Sims (<i>Jade Florang's friend</i>)	Healing
Randy Solomon (<i>Beth Rosenthal's father</i>)	Healing
Joanne Staton (<i>Kristian Arevalo's grandmother</i>)	Healing
Ruth Sturgeon (<i>Joyce Hartman's aunt</i>)	Healing
Pastor Brad Birtell (<i>Willers' friend</i>)	Cancer
Emily Brachley (<i>Hodgson's friend</i>)	Cancer
Paul Brooks (<i>Bruce & Becky Thornton's brother</i>)	Cancer
Mike & Sherrie Crow (<i>Rich's brother & sister-in-law</i>)	Cancer
Glenda Fichtner (<i>Ruby Hatfield's niece</i>)	Cancer
Jerry Glover (<i>Shirley Helmbrecht's brother</i>)	Cancer
Ron Halvorsen (<i>Jeff's dad</i>)	Cancer
Heather Hawke (<i>Ken & Ellen Hockemeier's niece</i>)	Cancer
Steven Junge (<i>Steve & Fran's nephew</i>)	Cancer
Lynda Kreutzer (<i>Rich & Carol's sister-in-law</i>)	Cancer
Sharon Kreutzer (<i>Rich's mom</i>)	Cancer
Sharon Mulhair (<i>Pam Uhlir's cousin</i>)	Cancer
Jennelle Pietsch (<i>Ellen Koopman's sister-in-law</i>)	Cancer
Carlie Russell (<i>Sue Bartels' friend</i>)	Cancer
Tyrone Uhlir (<i>Pam's nephew</i>)	Cancer

Response to the Gospel

Date: 2/15/2025

Offering: \$6,781.69

Weekly Need: \$9,400

Offering Options:

To worship the Lord with your offering:

- 1) Place your offering in the offering plate.
- 2) Go to zionkearney.churchtrac.com/give
- 3) Go to zionkearney.com and click on the ChurchTrac icon
- 4) Mail your gift to Zion Lutheran Church, 2421 C Ave, Kearney, NE 68847

Today's Radio Broadcast is sponsored by Lonna Gronewoller,
In memory of Harry Fuqua.

Worship Assistants

Sunday, February 22nd - 9:00a

Elder: Keith Nuttelman

Usher: Mike Wilkens

Acolyte: Titus Gaunt

Engineer: Matt Hodgson

Announcer: Brooke Fisher

Altar Guild:

Robin Baker & Carolyn Westman

Wednesday, February 25th - 7:00p

Elder: Keith Nuttelman

Usher: Mike Wilkens

Engineer: Matt Hodgson

Acolyte: Elijah Burger

Altar Guild: Shirley Helmbrecht

Sunday, March 1st - 9:00a

Elder: Bruce Brooks

Usher: Ed DeLaet

Acolyte: Rachel Barefoot

Engineer: Jamie Marquardt

Announcer: Lonna Gronewoller

Altar Guild:

Lyn Hoffman & Doreen Lemburg

This Week at Zion

Sun 2/22	9:00a 10:30a 10:30a 5:00p <i>Birthdays</i>	Divine Service Adult Bible Study & Sunday School Radio Broadcast 1460AM & 92.1FM Divine Service <i>Chuck Zehendner</i>
Mon 2/23		
Tues 2/24	1:30p <i>Birthdays</i>	Sleeping Mats <i>Asher Splittgerber</i>
Wed 2/25	8:30a 4:30p 5:30p 6:00p 7:00p <i>Birthdays</i>	Chapel Midweek Bible Stories Lent Meal Adult Choir Rehearsal Lent Service <i>Teresa Leising</i>
Thurs 2/26		
Fri 2/27	<i>Birthdays</i>	<i>Emily Baker</i> <i>Margene Stevens</i>
Sat 2/28		
Sun 3/1	9:00a 10:30a 10:30a 11:30a 5:00p 5:00p <i>Birthdays</i>	Divine Service Adult Bible Study & Sunday School Radio Broadcast 1460AM & 92.1FM Nuttelman Family - Gym Divine Service Kindergarten Signing Day <i>Wyatt France</i> <i>Noah Randolph</i> <i>Lindsay Wilkens</i>

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Announcements for February 22nd, 2026

Weekly Devotion Help for March 1st, 2026: The "Hymn of the Day" (HOD) for next Sunday is LSB 708 "Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart". Go to <https://www.zionkearney.com/worship> to access a Bible study based on the hymn. We are also taking part in our synod's "Memory Verse Challenge" as we all memorize the same Bible verse each week:

"God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." - **Romans 5:8**

Midweek Lent Services: The Midweek meal will start at 5:30p in the Fellowship Hall. A service follows at 7:00p. This week, Pastor Rob Kuefner who will be preaching about how Jesus seeks us relentlessly, even in the smallest and ordinary ways.

1st Quarter Missions: The first quarter (January-March) missions will support Lutherans for Life. To donate to this worthy cause, you give online via ACH or use a specially marked envelope located in the narthex. Either way, please clearly designate your gift to this mission. Life Sunday is a perfect opportunity to make a gift.

SCHOOL NEWS

Book Fair Help: The Book Fair is quickly approaching! We would love to have as much help from parents as possible. There are a couple ways to help:

- Setting up (February 27-March 1)
- Selling books to students before and after school (March 2-6)

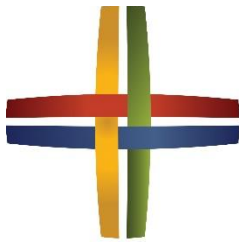
If you would like to volunteer and/or have questions, call or text Julie Baker (308-293-2557). Volunteers will even receive a \$5 coupon for the fair!

Sign up with this link: <https://tinyurl.com/3w8vrb4c>



National Lutheran Schools Week: Be on the lookout for our plans for NLSW! We have lots of fun activities in the works!

Apple Mart Register Receipts: Save receipts dated September 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026. With the register receipts, Zion earns points for dollars spent at Apple Market. The points are redeemed for school items. It is easy to earn money for your school! Turn in the receipts in the blue box by the south door at Zion or at Apple Market. If you have any questions please stop by the office.



Zion Lutheran School

Christ-Centered, Classical Education

NOTICE

Special Voters' Meeting: March 1, 2026



The Board of Education has moved to extend a call to Mrs. Elizabeth Gaunt to be Zion Lutheran School's called first grade teacher. The church council has called and set a special voters' meeting for the voters of Zion to extend a call to Mrs. Gaunt. The Voters' meeting will take place following church on March 1, 2026. Please see the bio below for more information about our candidate.

MRS. ELIZABETH GAUNT

Mrs. Gaunt is a 2004 and 2022 graduate of Concordia University of Nebraska. Mrs. Gaunt's first teaching experiences were here at Zion where she aided in early childhood classrooms for several years. Zion teaching staff policy requires that contract teachers begin the colloquy program to earn their Lutheran Teacher's Diploma (LTD) after teaching three years at Zion; Mrs. Gaunt completed the colloquy process and has earned her LTD and her place on the LCMS Roster. The Zion Board of Education is pleased to recommend that the Voters' Assembly of Zion Lutheran Church & School formally extend a call to Mrs. Gaunt. Zion has been blessed by Mrs. Gaunt's hard work and dedication to its classical education program.

She is married to Dr. Nathan Gaunt and mother of Isaiah, Miriam, Titus, and Leviticus.

Zion Lutheran Church and School Board of Education policy indicates that full-time, K-8 teachers are to be 1) members of Zion Lutheran Church and 2) preferably synodically trained.



Zion Lutheran School

PANCAKE FEED

Sat, March 7th

7:30AM-12:30PM

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**Free will donation*

Donations support the Zion Lutheran School Foundation. The foundation's main goals are to make grants that improve the quality of Lutheran education and to provide scholarships to aid in student's ability to attend Zion Lutheran school.

