

March 18 & 19, 2023



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Welcome!

We worship the Triune God: Father, Son, & Holy Spirit. We are pleased you chose to worship with us today. Make your-self at home; you are among the family of Christ. If you are visiting, please do introduce yourself to others and to our Pastor.

Service Notes . . .

Preparation for Worship: The order of worship for today begins on the back of this page. You may want to take a few minutes to look it over and place a ribbon on the Psalm assigned for today as well as the Divine Service Liturgy we will be following in the Lutheran Service Book (LSB) as you prepare to receive the gifts of God and sing His praises. May God seriously bless your worship with us this day...a new day of salvation!

To Stand or Sit: There are certain parts of the service where you will be invited to kneel or stand. Sometimes, “wrestling” with kids, or a personal health condition makes kneeling or standing uncomfortable...please know: It is okay to kneel, stand, or sit. All are appropriate! So please, make yourself comfortable, receive the gifts God loves to give and **BOLDLY** sing His praises!

THE OFFERING: If you are our guest today, you are not expected to contribute monetarily to God’s work at Zion...you are our guest! Please sign our Guest Book in the narthex so we can thank you for your visit...and come soon to see us again! If you choose to give an offering, know this: The gifts we give back to God are used by His church to transform lives.



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Fourth Sunday in Lent
Divine Service Setting Three page 184.
(For those using Hymnal ribbon bookmarks)

Psalm 142

(Complete your preparation for the Lord's Supper using pp. 329f. in L.S.B.)

Welcome *We invite and encourage all communicant members of Zion, or one of our sister LCMS churches, to commune with us later in the service.*

Opening Hymn #697 "Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death"

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

(Rise) CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION p.184

(Kneel as you are able)

Psalm 142 (In Front of Hymnal by half verse)

SING GLORIA PATRI p.186

KYRIE p.186

HYMN OF PRAISE "Gloria in Excelsis" *(omitted during Lent)*

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY p.189

(Sit)



Scripture Readings

Isaiah 42:14-21(ESV) ¹⁴For a long time I have held my peace; I have kept still and restrained myself; now I will cry out like a woman in labor; I will gasp and pant. ¹⁵I will lay waste mountains and hills, and dry up all their vegetation; I will turn the rivers into islands, and dry up the pools. ¹⁶And I will lead the blind in a way that they do not know, in paths that they have not known I will guide them. I will turn the darkness before them into light, the rough places into level ground. These are the things I do, and I do not forsake them. ¹⁷They are turned back and utterly put to shame, who trust in carved idols, who say to metal images, "You are our gods." ¹⁸Hear, you deaf, and look, you blind, that you may see! ¹⁹Who is blind but my servant, or deaf as my messenger whom I send? Who is blind as my dedicated one, or blind as the servant of the Lord? ²⁰He sees many things, but does not observe them; his ears are open, but he does not hear. ²¹The Lord was pleased, for his righteousness' sake, to magnify his law and make it glorious.

R: This is the word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

Ephesians 5:8-14(ESV) *(Today's sermon is based on this reading)*⁸for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹(for the fruit of light is found

in all that is good and right and true),¹⁰ and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord.¹¹ Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them.¹² For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret.¹³ But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible,¹⁴ for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

R: This is the word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

Rise for the Alleluia – *omitted during lent*

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John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39(ESV) ¹As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. ²And his disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” ³Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. ⁴We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” ⁶Having said these things, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man’s eyes with the mud ⁷and said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. ¹³They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, “He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.” ¹⁶Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?” And there was a division among them. ¹⁷So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?” He said, “He is a prophet.” ³⁴They answered him, “You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?” And they cast him out. ³⁵Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” ³⁶He answered, “And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?” ³⁷Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you.” ³⁸He said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped him. ³⁹Jesus said, “For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise be to Thee, O Christ

Hymn of the Day #685 “Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”

Sermon “Light up the Darkness” (Ephesians 5:8-14(ESV))

Rise for the Apostle’s Creed

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Our Prayers

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy, **People: hear our prayer.**

(Sit)

Offering

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Ushers bring the offering plates forward to the Altar.

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(Sit)

★ ★ Distribution Hymns 642 & 624

Rise for Common Dismissal

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★ ★ Sunday School students and teachers are excused.

(Sit)

Closing Hymn #677 "For All the Saints" (verses 1-3)

Announcements: Door Offering for the Morrison County Food Shelf

★ ★ *Join us for coffee and treats in the Fellowship Hall following the service*

★ ★ Sunday Only

ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION/THE LORD'S SUPPER

Here at Zion Lutheran, we believe that Christ's true body and blood are received by everyone in the Lord's Supper (Real Presence). All who participate here believe the same Biblical truths and we practice "Closed Communion."

Visitors, please consult with Pastor Hendrickson or the Elder before receiving the Lord's Supper.

Only communicant members of Zion or one of our sister LCMS churches are invited to receive the Communion elements. If you do not meet this criterion, you are invited to come forward for a blessing by our pastor. Simply fold your hands across your chest when the bread and the wine are distributed, and our pastor will speak a blessing over you. All children are invited to come forward for a blessing.

Our Communion practices are to have four adults (with children standing in front of the adults) on each side of area in front of the chancel (Altar area) as our Pastor and Elder are serving the elements. The Ushers are instructed to limit the communicants to four. Inform the Usher if you desire NOT to be separated from someone and he'll adjust the groupings of four accordingly.

EVENTS AT ZION THIS WEEK

SUN	9:00am	Worship -Door Offering Food Shelf
	10:00am	Sunday School
	4:00pm	“How to Study the Bible” – Dan Hughes
MON	9:00am	LWQ
	10:00am	ZLW
TUES	10:00am	SAIL
WED	9:00am	Quilters
	5:00pm	Dinner – Elders (Tomato Soup & ham and cheese sliders)
	6:30pm	Lenten Service
	7:30pm	Handbells
THURS	10:00am	SAIL
SAT	6:30pm	Worship
SUN	9:00am	Worship
	10:00am	Sunday School
	4:00pm	“Angels & Demons” – Dan Hughes

ALTAR FLOWERS PROVIDED THIS MONTH BY:

- 4/5
- 11/12 Jerry Knafla
- 18/19
- 25/26



The Altar flowers sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board next to the church office.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN IN MARCH

- The LWQ (Lutheran Woman’s Quarterly) Bible study will be on Monday, **March 20** at 9:00 a.m. This month’s study, “Covered by God’s Grace,” can be found on page 18 of the Winter 2022 LWQ. Join us!
- The ZLW (Zion Lutheran Women) will meet on Monday, **March 20** at 10:00 a.m. Join us as we discuss upcoming events! *The ZLW is Zion’s local connection to the LWML.*
- The Women’s Monday Morning Bible study will meet on Monday, **March 27** (Lesson #8) at 9:00 a.m. We are continuing our study of the Old Testament Book of Daniel.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR ZION’S RUMMAGE SALE

The dates have been set for Zion’s Rummage Sale this year. The rummage sale will be on Thursday, **May 18** and Friday, **May 19**. Please keep these dates in mind as you do some spring cleaning! Watch for more information about drop-off dates and times!

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CHURCH KEY INFORMATION REQUESTED

Do you have one of Zion's church keys? If so, please contact Sheldon or Carol Prozinski so that they can keep a list of the current key holders at Zion. Thank you!

DAN HUGHES BIBLE STUDY

Dan Hughes will begin a new bible study starting Sunday, **March 19th**. The time will be 4pm at Zion Lutheran Church. The first class will be How to Study the Bible. This instruction will be for beginners and pros. This class will help you prepare for the following study on Angels and Demons as well as any private or group study you wish to attend.

How to Study the Bible will touch on

- History
- Components
- Referencing
- Tools
- Techniques

You will need to bring

- #2 mechanical pencil
- Bible highlighter(s) or colored pencil(s), (*I recommend no ink-based highlighters*).
- Note taking material.
- and most importantly your Bible
- I recommend no ink-based highlighters.

If you do not have a Bible, please reach out to me. I can be contacted at (320) 630-8406. I look forward to seeing everyone there ."

LENTEN DINNERS

Lenten dinners will be served by various church groups each week during Lent from 5:00 – 5:45 p.m. Freewill offerings will be accepted for each dinner.

* **March 22** - Elders (Tomato Soup with Ham and Cheese Sliders)

* **March 29** – Stewardship and Evangelism (Pulled Pork Sandwiches)



SAIL SENIOR EXERCISE CLASSES start again Tuesday **March 21** and continue for 6 weeks on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10am. Those who participated before are welcome to return. If you have never attended and want to try it, you need to register at the church office and attend

an orientation on March 21st at 9:15a.m. before class starts. Classes are free and equipment is provided. After we do warm up exercises, we move on to exercises for balance, strength, aerobics, and flexibility. The program is endorsed by the Office of Aging. Before class, we learn a short "Arrow Prayer" and pray excerpts from the Bible.

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OUR SERVICES ARE BROADCAST A WEEK LATER ON SPECTRUM CHANNEL 180

Sunday Morning – 8:30am

Sunday Evening – 8:30pm

Monday Morning – 8:30am

THE LUTHERAN HOUR

Sermons can be heard on Sunday at:

6:05am @ WCCO 830AM

6:10am @ KLTF 960AM

6:30am @ KEYL 1400AM

7:05am @ KFML 94.1FM

5:00pm @ KCFB 91.5FM

Giving envelopes have arrived and are in your church mailbox.

SATURDAY/ SUNDAY, MARCH 11 & 12 (10/29 = 39) LENT MARCH 15 (37)			
OPERATING FUND		OTHER FUNDS	
Current	\$1,047.00	Building Fund	\$1,097.00
Loose	\$146.00	Youth	\$150.00
Missions	\$2.00	Altar Flowers	\$30.00
Lenten Service	\$465.00		
TOTAL OPERATING FUND OFFERINGS	\$1,660.00	TOTAL ADDITIONAL GIFTS	\$1,277.00
NEEDED FOR EXPENSES	\$3,081.00	NEEDED FOR BUILDING LOAN	\$863.58
<i>Lenten Dinner hosted by ZLW gave \$561.00 towards the building fun. The youth fund money is from recycling cans</i>			

Lenten Denial Folders are located on the Special Information Counter.

NEED YOUR HELP!

Easter will soon be upon us and we need your help in celebrating the resurrection of our Savior. If you are inclined to do so, we are asking that you purchase and Easter plant of your choice, label it with your name and bring it to the church on the morning of Saturday, **April 8th** to beautify the sanctuary for our Easter celebration. One option for you, is that The Flower Shoppe of Little Falls has offered to give the church's discount of all flowers purchased from them. Just tell them you are a member of Zion and will be using the flower at the church. Thanks in advance for your help.

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PRAYER CHAIN” contact the church office @ 632-5792, Pastor @ 320-360-9617, for any prayer concerns or questions.



PRAYER REQUEST:

I was talking to Shirley Schmidt this morning (Tuesday, March 14th) and she kind of filled me in on what was going on with Duane. Shirley reported that Duane is making progress towards wellness. He has an appointment in St. Cloud on the March 21st where the doctors are monitoring his progress. Pray for his continued recovery and well-being.

PASTOR'S PRAYER:

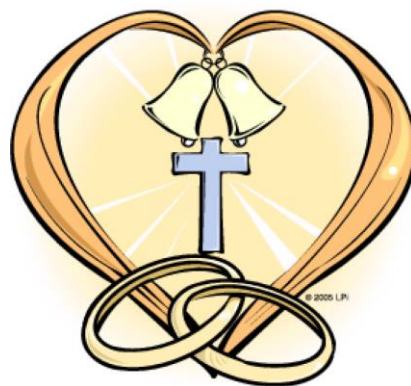
Merciful Father in heaven, the older we become, the more trips to see the doctor. It's no secret that we can't remain young and healthy forever. Reality has shown us that the older we become, the more we tend to slow down and are prone to more ailments. Still, we continue to enjoy the life that You have given to us. I pray that You would continue to watch over Duane and provide him with encouragement and necessary healing as he progresses through these recuperative stages. Also, provide Shirley with patience and stamina she needs as she provides care for Duane. This I pray in the name of everyone's Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

THRIVENT

Sunday **March 26** following the church service, Billy Weiss will speak on Thrivent. Billy Weiss and Kris Kelm are the Financial Advisers for the Little Falls area. They both will be available during the Fellowship Hour to answer any questions you may have regarding Thrivent. They will also help you to designate your Thrivent Choice Dollars to Zion if you choose to do so.

Long Time Friendship leads to Romance and ends in Marriage.

Congratulations Chris and Peggy



Chris Roe & Peggy Dolney were united in marriage on Saturday, March 18th at 11:30am at Zion Lutheran Church

March Door Offering Morrison County Food Shelf

The Morrison County Food Shelf is a ministry of God's people for God's people. In response to Christ's command to "Love our neighbor", the Food Shelf exists to provide emergency and supplemental food to people who lack sufficient resources to feed themselves. The Food Shelf also seeks to provide referral and educational information to its clients and patrons. The average number of clients served per month is 1166 or 269 people per week.

Hours of Operation:

Tuesday 10am – noon
Wednesday 10am -noon
Thursday 6pm - 8pm



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WORSHIP SERVANTS					
MARCH	ELDER	USHERS	GREETER	READER	ORGANIST
18	Greg Rausch	TBD		Dan Hughes	Carol Prozinski
19	Craig Bohnsack	Dennis Hollermann TBD	Phyllis Shirley	Kayla Bohnsack	Carol Prozinski
22 Lent	Sheldon Prozinski	Eugene Doucette		Sheldon Prozinski	Peggy Roe
25	Chris Roe	TBD		Peggy Roe	Peggy Roe
26	Mike Gohl	Wayne & Bing Ganz	Ginny Fitch	Amanda Dawson	Peggy Roe
29	Sheldon Prozinski	Julie Dancer		Sheldon Prozinski	Peggy Roe