

Zion St. John Lutheran Church  
*Being the Body of Christ*

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March 10, 2019 9:00 am 1st Sunday of Lent

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**PRELUDE** *A Mighty Fortress is Our God* Pachelbel/ Walther

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**TEMPLE TALK** *Church of the Damascus Road* Pastor Kim

*Stand*

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who gathers us in the wilderness to redeem us, anoint us, and make us new. **Amen**

In these forty days, let us be honest, confess our sin, and receive God's promise of mercy.

God at the margins,

**We have wandered far from your home; again and again, we lose our way. We turn inward, afraid of the world around us. We forget that you have saved your people before and promise to do so again. Do not remember the deeds of our past, but turn our faces toward the future, where your forgiveness is sure, your welcome is clear, and your love overflows. Amen**

Like a hen who gathers her chicks, God embraces you in tender care.

Like manna in the desert, God feeds you with surprising mercy.

Like a loving parent, God runs to meet you again this day,

forgiving your sins for the sake of † Christ,

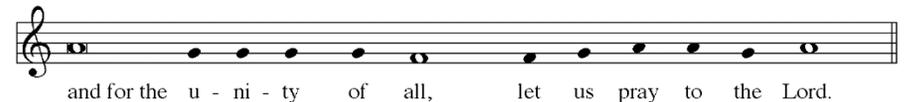
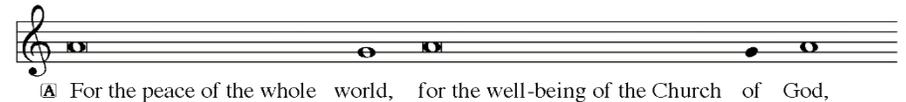
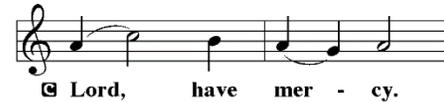
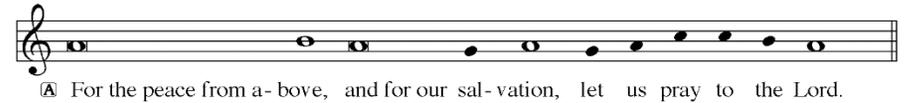
leading you from death into life. **Amen**

**OPENING HYMN** *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me* WOV #660

**GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

**KYRIE**



## PRAYER OF THE DAY



O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

*Sit*

### FIRST LESSON: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

*The annual harvest festival, called the Feast of Weeks, provides the setting for this reading. This festival celebrates the first fruits of the produce of the land offered back to God in thanks. In this text, worshipers announce God's gracious acts on behalf of Israel.*

<sup>1</sup>When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, <sup>2</sup>you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. <sup>3</sup>You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." <sup>4</sup>When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, <sup>5</sup>you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. <sup>6</sup>When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, <sup>7</sup>we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. <sup>8</sup>The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; <sup>9</sup>and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>10</sup>So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. <sup>11</sup>Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

<sup>1</sup>He who dwells in the shelter of | the Most High,  
abides under the shadow of | the Almighty.

<sup>2</sup>**He shall say to the LORD, "You are my refuge  
| and my stronghold,  
my God in whom I | put my trust."**

<sup>9</sup>Because you have made the | LORD your refuge,  
and the Most High your | habitation,  
<sup>10</sup>**there shall no evil hap- | pen to you,  
neither shall any plague come | near your dwelling.**

<sup>11</sup>For he shall give his angels charge | over you,  
to keep you in | all your ways.  
<sup>12</sup>**They shall bear you | in their hands,  
lest you dash your foot a- | gainst a stone.**

<sup>13</sup>You shall tread upon the lion | and the adder;  
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent un- | der your feet.  
<sup>14</sup>**Because he is bound to me in love, therefore will I de-  
| liver him;  
I will protect him, because he | knows my name.**

<sup>15</sup>He shall call upon me, and I will | answer him;  
I am with him in trouble; I will rescue him and bring | him to honor.  
<sup>16</sup>**With long life will I sat- | isfy him,  
and show him | my salvation.**

### SECOND LESSON: Romans 10:8b-13

*Paul reminds the Christians at Rome of the foundation of their creed, the confession of faith in the risen Christ as Lord.*

<sup>8b</sup>"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart"  
(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup>because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. <sup>11</sup>The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." <sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. <sup>13</sup>For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Stand**  
**VERSE**



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.

**GOSPEL: Luke 4:1-13**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourth chapter.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

*After being filled with the Holy Spirit at his baptism, Jesus is led in the wilderness. Through his responses to the temptations of the devil, he defines what it means to be called "the Son of God."*

<sup>1</sup>Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, <sup>2</sup>where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. <sup>3</sup>The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." <sup>4</sup>Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

<sup>5</sup>Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. <sup>6</sup>And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. <sup>7</sup>If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." <sup>8</sup>Jesus answered him, "It is written,

'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

<sup>9</sup>Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, <sup>10</sup>for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,'<sup>11</sup>and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

<sup>12</sup>Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" <sup>13</sup>When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

The Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you, O Christ.

**Sit**  
**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord* WOY #779

**INSTALLATION OF ZSJ CHURCH COUNCIL**

**Stand**  
**APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

**Sit**  
**OFFERING** *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

LBW #229

**Stand**  
**OFFERTORY**



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 your pres-ence, and take  
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store to me the  
joy of your sal - va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

**THE PRAYERS**

Seeking the grace, mercy, and love of almighty God, we offer our prayers for the church, for people in need, and for all of creation.

*After each petition:* Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Reveal your will as you receive our prayers, and conform our ways to your ways; through the saving work of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**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**

**BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace  
In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

**SENDING HYMN**

**Bless Now, O God, the Journey**



1 Bless now, O God, the jour - ney that all your peo - ple make,  
2 Bless so - journ-ers and pil - grims who share this wind-ing way;  
3 Di - vine e - ter - nal lov - er, you meet us on the road.  
the path through noise and si - lence, the way of give and take.  
your hope burns through the ter - rors, your love sus-tains the day.  
We wait for lands of prom - ise where milk and hon - ey flow,  
The trail is found in des - ert and winds the moun-tain round,  
We yearn for ho - ly free - dom while of - ten we are bound;  
but wait-ing not for plac - es, you meet us all a - round.  
then leads be - side still wa - ters, the road where faith is found.  
to - geth - er we are seek - ing the road where faith is found.  
Our cov - e - nant is writ - ten on roads, as faith is found.

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**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sit**

**POSTLUDE** *Ein' Feste Burg*

Johann Sebastian Bach

## **Stewardship**

**...we offer with joy and thanksgiving what God has first given us**

### **Our Selves...**

Ministers...The Members of Zion St. John Lutheran Church

Music... Charles S Lector...Marcia E

Acolyte...Jadyn D Crucifer...Lily D

Greeter...Mia T Fellowship...Johnsons

Audio/Visual...Scott C and Fred R

### **Our Time...**

March 3...96 SS...26

### **And Our Possessions...**

March 3...\$5,067.00 SS...\$4.00

**...signs of your gracious love**