



# MT. ZION

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# 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent



## Pre-Service Personal Prayer:

*Almighty and everlasting God, during this Lenten Season You graciously offer to us the forgiveness of sins, life, and eternal salvation for the sake of the bitter sufferings and death of Your Son. Send Your Holy Spirit that we may by faith lay hold of Your offer of grace and mercy. Moved by Your Gospel, we give thanks and praise to You, and count on Your strength to live our lives obedient to Your will. In Jesus Christ name, Amen.*

## Today's Worship!

### Greeting and Prayer

**Opening Hymn 149 (red hymnal):** *Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain*

### The Invocation

*We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

**P** We begin our Savior's worship service today in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen!

### The Confession and Absolution of Sins

*We come before our Holy God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.*

**P** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

**C** **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

**P** God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will!

**C** Amen!

## Lord, Have Mercy *Kyrie*

C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

## Glory to God in the Highest *Gloria in Excelsis*

C: 1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;  
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,  
3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,  
Of heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing.  
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.  
At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:  
We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,  
O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,  
Who, with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,  
Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.  
Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.  
With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

## The Prayer for the Day

*The main thoughts for the day are collected together in this prayer.*

**P** Let us pray.

O Lord God hear our prayers and help us in our need. Stretch out the right hand of your majesty to defend us from every attack of the devil, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## The Epistle Reading: *Exodus 34:29-35*

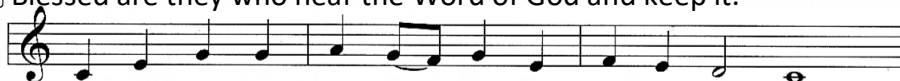
Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. <sup>13</sup> Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts 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.

## The Gospel Reading: *Mark 1:9-15*

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 being torn open 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." <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. <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** Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

## **The Apostle's Creed** *We boldly confess what we believe.*

**☩ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**The third day He rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**And is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.**

**From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

## **Hymn 262 (red hymnal):** *A Mighty Fortress in Our God*

### **The Sermon:** *Genesis 22:1-14*

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 we will 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."

### The LORD Will Provide

- I. He provides tests to strengthen our faith
- II. He provides the faith to pass the tests
- III. He provides the substitute to which our faith clings

### The Offertory

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 Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly  
Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of  
Your sal - va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

## Hymn 528:1-5 (red hymnal): *If God Himself Be For Me*

### The Offering of Thankful Hearts

*In tangible evidence of our gratitude, we offer the Lord the gift of our money, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him.*

### Prayer of the Church – The Lord’s Prayer

#### The Benediction

*The blessing given by God for His people (Numbers 6:24-26)*

**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.

**G** Amen!

## Closing Hymn 151:1 (red hymnal): *Christ, the Life of All the Living*

### Announcements

*“If the LORD wills, we will do this or that.” James 4:15*

**Welcome Everyone!** Especially any visitors who may be with us. We are glad you are here and invite you to join us again soon in our worship of the One true God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. If you are looking for a church home, we hope you’ve found it with us. If you’d like to become a member, we offer a FREE “Information Course” in which the Pastor will meet with you at your convenience to study and discuss the Bible’s teachings. Just ask!

**Midweek Lent Services:** Lent is a time of repentance and reflection on the sufferings and death our Savior went through to earn the forgiveness of sins for us. Beginning on February 14 at 7pm, Mt. Zion will be holding 6 midweek Lent services. Midweek services are a great way to spend some extra time focusing on the love of Christ, who sacrificed himself to take away our sins. We are planning to conduct a pulpit exchange with Gethsemane in Saginaw, Redeemer in Sister Lakes, and Faith in Coloma for the 6 midweek Lent services.

**Church Sign Fund:** If you would like to donate to the new sign fund, please designate your special offering as “Sign Fund.” It’s important that people should know who we are, where we are, and what we are about. A new outdoor church sign will help us to accomplish these goals. If you have any questions or suggestions, please speak with our Trustees, Ben Mueller and Steven Fobear. *Nehemiah 2:20 “The God of heaven will make us prosper, and we his servants will arise and build.”*

**CLC Call News:** Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac WI, has called the Rev. Caleb Schaller, associate pastor of Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire WI, as pastor. <> Faith Lutheran, Markesan, WI, has called Mr. Neil Bernthal, principal of Immanuel Lutheran, Winter Haven, FL, as principal and teacher for

grades 3-5. <> Mr. Andrew Roehl, 2-3 grade teacher of Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire, WI, has returned the call to serve as principal and teacher of Valley Bible Academy of St. John’s Lutheran, Clarkston, WA.

**Serving Today**

Organist: Zaiga Hauserman <> February Usher: Ben Mueller <> Church Cleaning: Fobears

**Our Response to the Gospel**

Attendance February 11: Worship 20; Bible Class 9 <> Ash Wednesday Worship 13

Bi-Weekly Offerings Needed:	\$1692.31	Other Offerings:	
Bi-Weekly Offerings Received:	\$1284.50		
Needed for Year to Date:	\$5076.92	Sign Fund Goal:	\$700
Received for Year to Date:	\$6004.50	Sign Fund Received:	\$251

**Important Dates at Mt. Zion**

<b>Today</b>	11am	L.I.F.T. Meeting
<b>Wed. 2/21</b>	7pm	2 <sup>nd</sup> Midweek Lenten Service (Pastor Michael Wilke of Gethsemane Lutheran in Saginaw will be preaching)
<b>Sun. 2/25</b>	9am	Bible Class
	10am	Worship Service
<b>Wed. 2/28</b>	7pm	3 <sup>rd</sup> Midweek Lent Service (Pastor Naumann preaching)
<b>Thu. 3/1</b>	8pm	Outreach Committee Meeting

**The Four Stages of Coming into the Lutheran Liturgy**

- 1. Confusion** – Where am I? What page? Am I supposed to be standing or sitting?
- 2. Boredom** – This is the most dangerous stage. At this stage, people begin to conclude that because the liturgy is repetitive, that it is therefore non-spiritual. This conclusion is hardly ever thought out as such. It is just a matter of impressions and feelings. This “feels” dry, dull, non-spiritual. And therefore, it must be from man and not from God.
- 3. Love of the liturgy itself** – If stage 2 didn’t drive people away from the liturgy, it is usually and ironically replaced by the love of the liturgy for the liturgy’s sake. Here people begin to love the “feeling,” the “reverence,” and the connection to history. They have a sense that this is old and therefore good. People in the depths of this phase can spend hours researching whether the Creed should come before the sermon or after, trying to find out which practice is more “ancient.” Truthfully, many pastors get stuck in this phase and endorse liturgical worship because it is older, more reverent, etc.
- 4. Love of the content** – The liturgy is a conduit for the means of grace – the Gospel as found in God’s Word and the sacraments. There isn’t, in our opinion, a better such conduit on the market. If there were, we ourselves would adopt it. In this phase, one uses the liturgy for the sake of the Gospel itself, not for the sake of the liturgy itself.

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