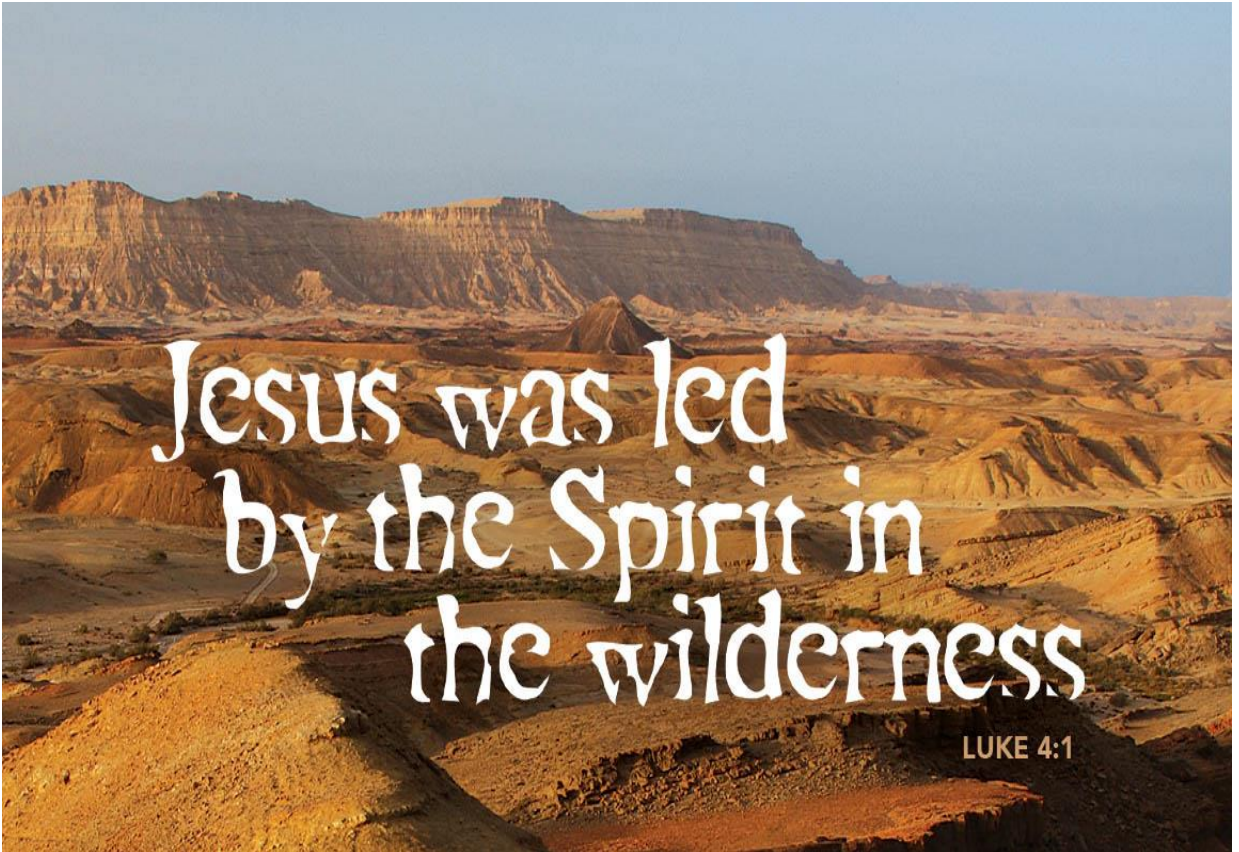


*Welcome!*



## *Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church*

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*Our Mission: Zion proclaims the Gospel of Jesus Christ through Word and Sacrament as Gospel messengers in the community. We seek to be instruments through which God transforms lives and strengthens relationships within families and within our community of believers*

# The First Sunday in Lent

March 6, 2022 ~ 9:00 am  
*The Liturgy of Word and Sacrament*

*These forty days called Lent are like no other. It is our opportune time to return to the God who rescues, to receive the gifts of God's grace, to believe with the heart and confess with the mouth the wonder of God's love in Jesus, and to resist temptation at every turn. This is no small pilgrimage on which we have just embarked. It is a struggle Jesus knew. It is a struggle Jesus shares. The nearness of the Lord, in bread and wine, water and word, will uphold and sustain us.*

*\*Congregation please stand*

## The Pre-service Music

~ The Gathering ~

### \* The Confession and Forgiveness

IN THE NAME OF GOD, WHO MAKES A WAY IN THE WILDERNESS, WALKS WITH US, AND GUIDES US IN OUR PILGRIMAGE.

**Amen.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

HOLY ONE,

**we confess that we have wandered far from you: we have not trusted your promises, we have ignored your prophets in our own day, we have squandered our inheritance of grace, we have failed to recognize you in our midst. Have mercy on us! Forgive us and turn us again to you. Teach us to follow in your ways, assure us again of your love, and help us to love our neighbor. Amen.**

BELOVED IN CHRIST, THE WORD DRAWS NEAR TO YOU, AND ALL WHO CALL OUT TO GOD SHALL BE SAVED. IN JESUS, GOD COMES TO YOU AGAIN AND AGAIN AND GATHERS YOU UNDER WINGS OF LOVE. IN † JESUS' NAME, YOUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN. GOD JOURNEYS WITH YOU AND TEACHES YOU HOW TO LIVE IN LOVE.

**Amen.**

### \* The Gathering Hymn

*"The Glory of These Forty Days"*

WOV No.657

**The glory of these forty days we celebrate with songs of praise;**

**For Christ, through whom all things were made, himself has fasted and has prayed.**

**Alone and fasting Moses saw the loving God who gave the law;  
And to Elijah, fasting, came the steeds and chariots of flame.**

**So Daniel trained his mystic sight, delivered from the lion's might;  
And John, the Bridegroom's friend, became the herald of Messiah's name.**

**Then grant, O God, that we may, too, return in fast and prayer to you.  
Our spirits strengthen with your grace, and give us joy to see your face.**

### \* The Greeting

THE GRACE OF JESUS CHRIST OUR SAVIOR, THE RECONCILING LOVE OF GOD, AND THE COMMUNION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT BE WITH YOU ALL.

**And also with you.**

\* **The Kyrie Eleison** (*music on page 57 of LBW*)

IN PEACE, LET US PRAY TO THE LORD.

(Sung) **Lord, have mercy.**

FOR THE PEACE FROM ABOVE, AND FOR OUR SALVATION, LET US PRAY TO THE LORD.

**Lord, have mercy.**

FOR THE PEACE OF THE WHOLE WORLD, FOR THE WELL-BEING OF THE CHURCH OF GOD,  
AND FOR THE UNITY OF ALL, LET US PRAY TO THE LORD.

**Lord, have mercy.**

FOR THIS HOLY HOUSE, AND FOR ALL WHO OFFER HERE THEIR WORSHIP AND PRAISE, LET  
US PRAY TO THE LORD.

**Lord, have mercy.**

HELP, SAVE, COMFORT, AND DEFEND US, GRACIOUS LORD.

**Amen.**

\* **The Prayer of the Day**

THE LORD BE WITH YOU

(Sung) **And also with you.**

LET US PRAY:

**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.**

~The Word~

**The 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.*

(After the reading)

THE WORD OF THE LORD

**Thanks be to God.**

**The Psalm** 91:1-2, 9-16 Tune "*As With Gladness Men of Old*" No.82

THOSE WHO GO TO THE LORD FOR SAFETY, WHO ABIDE IN THE SHADOW OF THE ALMIGHTY,  
SAY TO THE LORD, "YOU ARE MY REFUGE AND MY FORTRESS, MY GOD IN WHOM I TRUST."

**Those who look to God in love, Know deliv'rance from above.**

HE WILL COVER YOU WITH HIS PINIONS, AND YOU WILL FIND REFUGE UNDER HIS WINGS;  
HIS FAITHFULNESS WILL PROTECT AND DEFEND YOU.

**Where the Lord of hosts draws near, There is nothing one need fear.**

NOT THE TERROR OF THE NIGHT, NOR THE ARROW THAT FLIES BY DAY--NOT THE PLAGUE  
THAT STALKS IN THE DARKNESS, NOR THE SICKNESS THAT LAYS WASTE AT MIDDAY.

**Mighty Fortress, shelter me! E'er my strong Protector be!**

GOD SAYS, "I WILL SAVE THOSE WHO LOVE ME. I WILL PROTECT THOSE WHO KNOW MY  
NAME."

**Those who look to God in love, Know deliv'rance from above.**

"WHEN THEY CALL TO ME, I WILL ANSWER THEM. WHEN THEY ARE IN TROUBLE, I WILL BE  
WITH THEM. I WILL RESCUE THEM AND HONOR THEM."

**Where the Lord of hosts draws near, There is nothing one need fear.**

"WITH LONG LIFE I WILL SATISFY THEM, AND SHOW THEM MY SALVATION."

**Mighty Fortress, shelter me! E'er my strong Protector be!**

## **The 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.*

*(After the reading)*

THE WORD OF THE LORD

**Thanks be to God.**

## \* **The Gospel Acclamation** *(Lenten Verse LBW p. 63)*

**Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger,  
and abounding in steadfast love, and abounding in steadfast love.**

## \* **The Holy Gospel St. Luke 4:1-13**

*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."*

*(Before the Gospel)*

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT LUKE THE 4<sup>TH</sup> CHAPTER:

*(Sung)* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*(After the Gospel)*

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD

*(Sung)* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **The Sermon**

*Pastor Cindy White*

## \* **The Hymn of the Day**

**"Nearer My God, to Thee"**

Additional Hymnal No. 25

**Nearer my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee.  
E'en though it be a Cross That raiseth me.  
Still all my song shall be. Nearer my God, to Thee.  
Nearer my God, to Thee. Nearer to Thee.**

**Though like a wanderer, the sun gone down.  
Darkness be over me My rest a stone.  
Yet in my dreams I'd be Nearer my God, to Thee.  
Nearer my God, to Thee. Nearer to Thee.**

**Then let my way appear, steps unto heaven;  
All that Thou sendest me In mercy given.  
Angels to beckon me Nearer my God, to Thee.  
Nearer my God, to Thee. Nearer to Thee.**

**Then with my waking thoughts, bright with Thy praise.  
Out of my stony griefs Bethel I'll raise.  
So by my woes to be Nearer my God, to Thee.  
Nearer my God, to Thee. Nearer to Thee.**

**Or, if on joyful wing, cleaving the sky.  
Sun, moon and stars forgot Upward I'll fly.  
Still all my song shall be Nearer my God, to Thee.  
Nearer my God, to Thee. Nearer to Thee.**

## \* The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker 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 to the dead. 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.**

## \* The Prayers of Intercession

DRAWN CLOSE TO THE HEART OF GOD, WE OFFER THESE PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH, THE WORLD, AND ALL WHO ARE IN NEED.

*A brief silence.*

WE PRAY FOR THE CHURCH. SHARPEN ITS PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD SO THAT YOUR PEOPLE LEARN TO REJECT VOICES OF DECEPTION AND DISTRACTION. STRENGTHEN ALL WHO ARE TEMPTED TO BELIEVE LIES ABOUT THEMSELVES OR OTHERS. MERCIFUL GOD,  
**receive our prayer.**

WE PRAY FOR THE EARTH AND ALL ITS CREATURES. PROTECT WILDERNESS PLACES AND ALL PLANT AND ANIMAL SPECIES THAT CALL THEM HOME. SUSTAIN FARMERS AND ALL LABORERS WHO WORK THE LAND AND HARVEST THE FRUITS OF ITS ABUNDANCE. MERCIFUL GOD,  
**receive our prayer.**

WE PRAY FOR THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD. AWAKEN ELECTED LEADERS AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS TO THE NEEDS OF THOSE WHO ARE OPPRESSED AND GRANT THEM COMPASSION TO DEAL MERCIFULLY WITH IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES WHO RESIDE AMONG US. MERCIFUL GOD,  
**receive our prayer.**

WE PRAY FOR THOSE IN NEED. RESCUE THOSE EXPERIENCING MENTAL ILLNESS OR CONTENDING WITH ADDICTION. EASE THE ANXIETY OF THOSE WHO LIVE WITH DEMENTIA. COMMAND YOUR ANGELS CONCERNING ALL WHO ARE SICK ESPECIALLY GEORGE, PAT, BROOKLYN, DEREK, ELIZABETH, MARY, CHRIS, NANCY, RALPH, JOSEPH, EVA, JOHN, AND ALL OUR MEMBERS WHO ARE HOMEBOUND. MERCIFUL GOD,  
**receive our prayer.**

WE PRAY FOR THIS ASSEMBLY. BLESS THOSE WHO BAKE BREAD AND PREPARE THE TABLE FOR OUR COMMUNION CELEBRATION. ACCOMPANY THOSE WHO SHARE THE BOUNTY OF THIS MEAL WITH THOSE WHO ARE HOMEBOUND OR HOSPITALIZED. MERCIFUL GOD,  
**receive our prayer.**

WE GIVE THANKS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED. GATHER THEM WITH ALL THE SAINTS INTO YOUR HEAVENLY DWELLING PLACE. ENCOURAGE US WITH THE PROMISE THAT ALL WHO CALL UPON YOUR NAME ARE SAVED. MERCIFUL GOD,  
**receive our prayer.**

GOD OF GRACE AND MERCY, (PLEASE SHARE ANY PERSONAL PRAYER PETITIONS) HEAR OUR PETITIONS THAT WE SPEAK OUT LOUD AND THE ONES THAT WE HOLD IN OUR HEARTS. MERCIFUL GOD,  
**receive our prayer.**

ACCEPT THE PRAYERS WE BRING, O GOD, ON BEHALF OF A WORLD IN NEED, FOR THE SAKE OF JESUS CHRIST.  
**Amen.**

**\* The Peace of Christ**

THE PEACE OF THE LORD BE WITH YOU ALWAYS.

**And also with you.**

~The Meal~

**The Offering and Offertory**

*Zion members, please use your envelopes for contributions so that your offering may be officially recorded. Please mail your envelopes to Zion Lutheran Church 101 N. Greenwood Street Tamaqua, PA 18252 or visit ziontamaqua.com for our myEoffering option.*

**\* The Offertory Procession “As the Grains of Wheat”**

*(Refrain)* **As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill  
were gathered into one to become our bread;  
so may all your people from all the  
ends of earth be gathered into one in you.**

**As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst,  
may we share the presence of your love. *(Refrain)***

**\* The Offertory Prayer**

LET US PRAY: MERCIFUL GOD,

**everything in heaven and earth belongs to you. We joyfully release what you have entrusted to us. May these gifts be signs of our whole lives returned to you, dedicated to the healing and unity of all creation, through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**The Anthem**

**“Is There Room for a Sinner?” – Choplin**

**\* The Great Thanksgiving**

**\* The Preface and Sanctus**

THE LORD BE WITH YOU

*(Sung)* **And also with you.**

LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

LET US GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD OUR GOD.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

IT IS OUR DUTY.....THEIR UNENDING HYMN: *(Now the Feast)*

*(Sung)* **Holy, holy, holy are you, God of power and might; Heaven and earth are filled with your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who comes in your name. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest!**

**\* The Eucharistic Prayer**

YOU ARE INDEED HOLY, ... WE PRAY FOR HIS COMING AGAIN EVEN AS WE CRY.

AMEN. COME, LORD JESUS. AMEN. COME, LORD JESUS.

*(Sung)* **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

THIS WE PRAY THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, OUR SAVIOR AND OUR FRIEND.

*(Sung)* **Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Spirit,  
all glory and honor is yours, O God, now and forever. Amen.**

**\* The Lord's Prayer**

JESUS, REMEMBER US IN YOUR KINGDOM; AND TEACH US TO PRAY:

**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 Invitation to the Holy Meal**

HERE IS FOOD AND DRINK FOR THE JOURNEY. TAKE AND BE FILLED.

**\* The Agnus Dei “Lamb of God”** *(Now the Feast)*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:**

**have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:**

**have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;**

**grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.**

**The Distribution**

*All who are baptized and believe that Christ is truly present in the Sacrament are welcome to commune when we celebrate the Lord's Supper. Zion members, please complete a Communion card once a year for our records.*

**\* The Post-Communion Blessing**

MAY THE GRACE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST AND THE GIFTS OF HIS BODY AND BLOOD STRENGTHEN, KEEP AND UNITE, NOW AND FOREVER.

**Amen.**

**\* The Post Communion Canticle** *(music on page 72 of LBW)*

**Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace according to thy word;**

**For mine eyes have seen thy salvation which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;**

**A light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of thy people Israel.**

**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**

**\* The Post Communion Prayer**

LET US PRAY, WE GIVE YOU THANKS, O GOD, FOR THE BLESSING OF THIS TABLE. MAY OUR LIVES BE MADE NEW BY THESE GIFTS OF GRACE AND MAY YOUR LOVE BE MADE KNOWN THROUGH US.

**Amen.**

**~The Sending~**

**\* The Blessing**

MAY GOD BLESS US AND KEEP US. MAY GOD'S FACE SHINE ON US AND BE GRACIOUS TO US. MAY GOD LOOK ON US WITH FAVOR AND GIVE US PEACE.

**(Sung) Amen.**

**\* The Sending**

GO IN PEACE. SERVE THE LORD.

**Thanks be to God.**

**\* The Sending Hymn**

*“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”*

WOV No. 660

**I want Jesus to walk with me; I want Jesus to walk with me;  
All along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.**

**In my trials, Lord, walk with me; In my trials, Lord, walk with me;  
When my heart is almost breaking, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.**

**When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me; When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;  
When my head is bowed in sorrow, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.**

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**First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:1-11 – Not Printed**

**Second Reading: Romans 10:8b-13 – Not Printed**

**Gospel: Luke 4:1-13** - <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.

**March 13, 2022 readings are:**

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Psalms 27

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Luke 13:31-35



# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

*March 5-6, 2022*

*\*If you need assistance, please see one of the ushers in the back of the church; Large Print Bulletins are available. Grape juice is available in the tray for those who wish not to partake of the wine. Please Silence your cell phones during service. A Family Room is available for use during or after services, located across from the office. A changing station is available for your convenience in the restroom across the hall from the Family Room. We respectfully ask that you refrain from taking photos during the service. Opportunities are always available after the service. Welcome visitors please sign our guest book. Thank you.*

## **GIFTS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD**

**THE CANDLES** are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of our son, Ells on his March 7<sup>th</sup> birthday by Ells and Gail Davis

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of the March 9<sup>th</sup> birthday of her son, Mark Rudenko by Fern Rudenko

**THE BULLETINS** are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of our parents by Bill and Lori Krell

**CURRENT FUND DONATIONS** are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of K. Samuel Miller

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FUND DONATIONS** are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of the February birthdays of our mothers, Edith Bellman and Olga Pecha by Irene and Paul Pecha

*Please remember the following in your prayers: Robert Dolbin, George Bozosi, Pat Brown, Derek Hill, Elizabeth Zimmerman, Mary Richards, Mrs. Chris Miller, Nancy Betz, Ralph Derr, Joseph Harvilla, Eva (Mitzi) Koomar, John Lattanzi, and all our members who are homebound.*

## **Welcome!!**

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Tuesday: 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

**Zion's 2022 Church Council officers:** Chris Henritz, President, Michael Haspe, Vice-President, Tiffany Warden, Secretary, Dave Gensure, Treasurer, and Ann Marie Hadesty, Financial Secretary. Other members of Council include: Judy Brennan, Sam Caley, Arlene Derr, Ernie Henritz, Glenn Fritzing, Brian Lawfer, Bob Maue, Steve Ristila and Mary Ruth Taylor; if you have suggestions or concerns, please seek out a member of Council so that we can promptly address the needs of the congregation.

# This Week in Our Church

## SUNDAY, March 6, 2022

8:00 Confirmation Class  
9:00 The Service of Word & Sacrament  
10:15 Christian Education

## MONDAY

6:00 Property Meeting

## TUESDAY

9:30 Work Session  
7:00 Recovery Service  
7:30 Finance Meeting

## WEDNESDAY

6:00 NA Meeting  
7:00 Mid-Week Lenten Service/ St. John's

## THURSDAY

9:30 Work Session  
7:00 Choir Rehearsal

## FRIDAY

9:00 Blessings Sale

## SATURDAY

5:30 Saturday Evening Worship

## NEXT SUNDAY, March 13, 2022

8:00 Confirmation Class  
9:00 The Service of Word & Sacrament  
10:15 Christian Education

### **Supporting Zion's Ministries**

Contributions received for 2/27/22:

Received to meet \$4,049.75 weekly budget:	\$2,526.00
Received from Thrift Store:	\$0.00
Received for Endowment:	\$120.00
Received for Capital Campaign:	\$641.25

Contributions YTD to meet operating budget expenses:	\$22,651.01
Received from offering/gifts/memorials:	\$22,156.93
Received from Thrift Store:	\$94.08
Received from Endowment:	\$0.00
Received from Culinary:	\$400.00
Budget operating expenses YTD:	\$39,182.49
Budget status YTD:	\$(16,531.48)

*Thank you for your gifts.*

*Your offerings allow us to share the word of God and the love of  
Jesus with our congregation and our community.*

Culinary would like to express its appreciation to everyone who has supported our last two events. Our Hoagie Sale brought in \$1120.00, and our Pork and Sauerkraut Take Out Dinner brought in \$ 855.00. We could not do this without the support of this congregation and our community. If you have not recently taken advantage of any of our Culinary events, please consider coming out and trying some of our delicious food.

**Upcoming Events**

**March 9** – Mid-Week Lenten Service/ St. John’s

**March 11** – Blessings Thrift Sale

**March 30** – Baked Fish Dinner

**April 3** - Family Easter Event

**April 10** – Sunday Breakfast

**April 28** – Hoagie Sale

**A Family Easter Event will be held on Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> from 2-4 pm.** Open to all Zion Members. We will be showing the movie “The Easter Bunny is Coming to Town”, also egg painting, candy making, crafts and snacks. Limited seating to register, call Deb Davies at 570-778-2731.

**Gebert Society** - If you know of someone who has remembered Zion in their will/estate with a gift (past and present), please contact the office with that information which will be used in the annual report. Names can be added to the Gebert Society at any time. Thank you.

Zion Lenten Baked Fish Dinner, **March 30, 2022 from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM** or sell-out the cost is \$11.00 for adults and children are \$5.00, Take-Outs Available. Menu includes Baked Haddock, Mac & Cheese, Stewed Tomatoes, Cole Slaw and Dessert. Sit in or take out available. Hope to see you there!

**Volunteer Opportunity!** We are currently seeking individuals to volunteer for the Cemetery Committee and Maintenance workers for the grounds. Please see Mark Valentine if you are interested.



Zion's Blessings Thrift Shop sale is on March 11<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The sale features gently used clothing for all ages, toys, books and general household items. Clearance Prices – Come take a look! Limited Take-Out Menu. Shoppers must wear masks and maintain social distancing.

**MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES 2022** - St. Johns and Zion will once again hold combined Mid-Week Lenten Services at 7:00 pm. The Wednesday March 9<sup>th</sup> service will be at St Johns. The service will follow the Holden Evening prayer from the ELW. This year's Lenten sermon series is Witnesses to Christ: People from the passion. It will be an intimate journey with the people that knew Jesus well. You don't want to miss it. Let's walk these weeks together in faith.

**Reminder:** If you have sponsored Altar Flowers, Candles or Bulletins for 2022, please fill out the information cards in the gathering room. The information is needed for the bulletin and the Florist. If payment for the bulletin/candle sponsorship is not received prior to the date, the information will not be printed in the bulletin, please pay when you add your name on the list. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

This year Daylight Savings Time will begin on Sunday, **March 13<sup>th</sup>**. Don't forget to set your clocks one hour ahead before you go to bed March 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Easter Gifts** - Easter is generally a time when gifts and memorials are presented. Forms are available in the Gathering room or in the newsletter. Please fill out the form and return it to the Church office. **The Form must accompany your contributions so that the office knows if your memorial is to be placed in the Easter Sunday handout. Cost is \$8.50 per Lily. Endowment Gifts and other gifts can be any amount. Please return the form to the office no later than Monday, March 28, 2022. This is a firm deadline please have your orders in by the due date so that the lily order can be placed.**