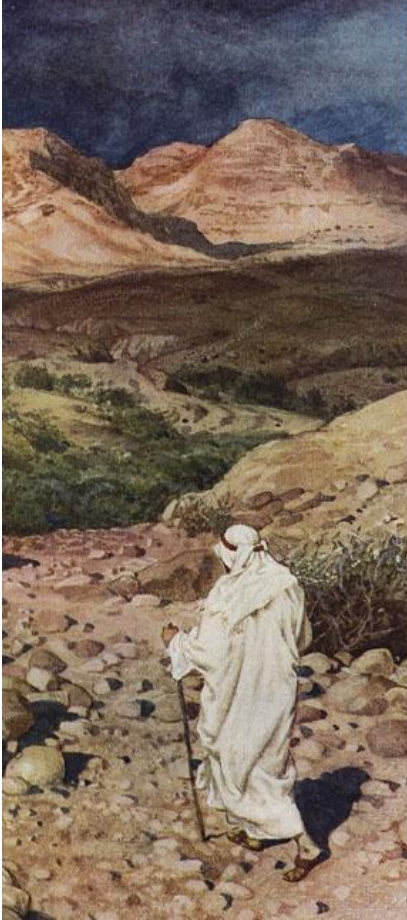


Welcome!



**Jesus was
led up by
the Spirit
into the
wilderness**

MATTHEW 4:1

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Our Mission: Empowered and Inspired by God to bring others to Christ.

The First Sunday in Lent

February 26, 2023 ~ 9:30 am
The Liturgy of Word and Sacrament

Today's gospel tells of Jesus' temptation in the desert. His forty-day fast becomes the basis of our Lenten pilgrimage. In the early church Lent was a time of intense preparation for those to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. This catechetical focus on the meaning of faith is at the heart of our Lenten journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. Hungry for God's mercy, we receive the bread of life to nourish us for the days ahead.

**Congregation please stand*

The Pre-service Music

~ The Gathering ~

* The Confession and Forgiveness

BLESSED BE THE HOLY TRINITY, ✚ ONE GOD, WHO JOURNEYS WITH US THESE FORTY DAYS, AND SUSTAINS US WITH THE GIFT OF GRACE.

Amen.

LET US ACKNOWLEDGE BEFORE GOD AND ONE ANOTHER OUR NEED FOR REPENTANCE AND GOD'S MERCY.

Please kneel if able.

HOLY GOD,

we confess to you our faults and failings. Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word; we take for ourselves instead of giving to others; we spoil rather than steward your creation; we cause hurt though you call us to heal; we choose fear over compassion. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, as we seek to follow in your way of life. Amen.

HEAR THE GOOD NEWS: GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT GOD GAVE THE ONLY SON, SO THAT ALL MAY RECEIVE LIFE. THIS PROMISE IS FOR YOU! GOD EMBRACES YOU WITH DIVINE MERCY, ✚ FORGIVES YOU IN CHRIST'S NAME, AND REVIVES YOU IN THE SPIRIT'S POWER.

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** (*Now the Feast*)

IN PEACE, IN PEACE, LET US PRAY TO THE LORD.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

FOR THE REIGN OF GOD, AND FOR PEACE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, FOR THE UNITY OF ALL, LET US PRAY TO THE LORD.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

FOR YOUR PEOPLE HERE, WHO HAVE COME TO GIVE YOU PRAISE, FOR THE STRENGTH TO LIVE YOUR WORD, LET US PRAY TO THE LORD.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

HELP, SAVE, AND DEFEND US, O GOD.

Amen.

* **The Prayer of the Day**

THE LORD BE WITH YOU

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

LET US PRAY:

Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, 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 Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Human beings were formed with great care, to be in relationship with the creator, creation, and one another. The serpent's promise to the first couple that their eyes would be opened led, ironically, to the discovery only that they were naked.

(*After the reading*)

THE WORD OF THE LORD

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm 32 Tune "Go to Dark Gethsemane" No.109

HAPPY ARE THOSE WHOSE TRANSGRESSION IS FORGIVEN, WHOSE SIN IS COVERED. HAPPY ARE THOSE TO WHOM THE LORD IMPUTES NO INIQUITY, AND IN WHOSE SPIRIT THERE IS NO DECEIT.

Those whose sins are known, confessed, By the Lord are surely blessed.

WHEN I DID NOT CONFESS MY SINS, I WAS WORN OUT FROM CRYING ALL DAY LONG. FOR DAY AND NIGHT YOUR HAND WAS HEAVY UPON ME; MY STRENGTH WAS DRIED UP AS BY THE HEAT OF SUMMER.

Those who turn to God in love Find forgiveness from above.

THEN I ACKNOWLEDGED MY SIN TO YOU, AND I DID NOT HIDE MY INIQUITY. I SAID, "I WILL CONFESS MY TRANSGRESSIONS TO THE LORD," AND YOU FORGIVE THE GUILT OF MY SIN.

Let the righteous raise their voice, In the Lord, their God, rejoice.

THEREFORE LET ALL WHO ARE FAITHFUL OFFER PRAYER TO YOU. WHEN A GREAT FLOOD OF TROUBLE COMES RUSHING IN, IT WILL NOT REACH THEM. YOU ARE A HIDING PLACE FOR ME; YOU PRESERVE ME FROM TROUBLE; YOU SURROUND ME WITH SHOUTS OF DELIVERANCE.

Those whose sins are known, confessed, By the Lord are surely blessed.

"I WILL INSTRUCT YOU AND TEACH YOU THE WAY YOU SHOULD GO; I WILL COUNSEL YOU WITH MY EYE UPON YOU. DO NOT BE LIKE A HORSE OR A MULE, WITHOUT

UNDERSTANDING, WHOSE TEMPER MUST BE CURBED WITH BIT AND BRIDLE, ELSE IT WILL NOT STAY NEAR YOU."

Lo, the voice of God is heard, Sounding forth his gracious word.

MANY ARE THE TORMENTS OF THE WICKED, BUT STEADFAST LOVE SURROUNDS THOSE WHO TRUST THE LORD.

Let the righteous raise their voice, In the Lord, their God, rejoice.

The Second Lesson Romans 5:12-19

Through Adam's disobedience, humanity came under bondage to sin and death, from which we cannot free ourselves. In Christ's obedient death, God graciously showers on us the free gift of liberation and life.

(After the reading)

THE WORD OF THE LORD

Thanks be to God.

*** The Gospel Acclamation** *(Lenten Verse Now the Feast)*

**Return to God with all your heart, the Source of grace and mercy;
Come, seek the tender faithfulness of God.**

*** The Holy Gospel St. Matthew 4:1-11**

Jesus experiences anew the temptations that Israel faced in the wilderness. As the Son of God, he endures the testing of the evil one.

(Before the Gospel)

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT MATTHEW THE 4TH CHAPTER:

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

(After the Gospel)

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD

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

The Sermon

Pastor Cindy White

*** The Hymn of the Day** ***"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.**

*** 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**

SUSTAINED BY GOD'S ABUNDANT MERCY, LET US PRAY FOR THE CHURCH, THE WORLD, AND ALL OF CREATION.

A brief silence.

YOU ALONE ARE GOD. SUSTAIN YOUR CHURCH IN TIMES OF WILDERNESS. GIVE VISION AND WISDOM TO BISHOPS, THEIR STAFF, AND ALL ENTRUSTED WITH THE MINISTRY OF ADMINISTRATION. COUNSEL ALL WHO FAITHFULLY LEAD YOUR PEOPLE INTO THE FUTURE. MERCIFUL GOD,

receive our prayer.

YOU CREATE VERDANT GARDENS AND EXPANSIVE DESERTS. TEND TO THE NEEDS OF EVERY LIVING CREATURE. BLESS THOSE WHO WORK IN FIELDS AND ORCHARDS, THAT THE WORLD IS NOURISHED BY THE FRUITS OF THEIR LABOR. MERCIFUL GOD,

receive our prayer.

YOU KNOW OUR TEMPTATIONS. SUSTAIN THOSE WHO GOVERN AND LEGISLATE. INSTILL IN THEM A SENSE OF YOUR JUSTICE AND RIGHTEOUSNESS, THAT EQUITY AND PEACE WOULD PERVADE ALL THE REGIONS AND NATIONS OF THE WORLD. MERCIFUL GOD,

receive our prayer.

YOU ARE A HIDING PLACE FOR ALL IN DISTRESS. DRAW NEAR TO EXILES, AND ACCOMPANY ALL REFUGEES AND IMMIGRANTS, ESPECIALLY CHILDREN WHO TRAVEL ALONE. IN TIMES OF TROUBLE, TRAUMA, OR ILLNESS, SURROUND YOUR PEOPLE WITH YOUR STEADFAST LOVE ESPECIALLY GWENDA, KATHRYN, CAROLYN, MARLIN, JOHN, TIM, ROBERT, DEREK, ELIZABETH, MARY, RALPH, JOSEPH, AND ALL OUR MEMBERS WHO ARE HOMEBOUND. MERCIFUL GOD,

receive our prayer.

YOU OFFER ABUNDANCE TO ALL. BLESS THE MINISTRIES OF HOSPITALITY IN THIS PLACE. CARE FOR THOSE WHO TEND TO THE NEEDS OF OTHERS, ESPECIALLY WORSHIP GREETERS, COFFEE HOUR HOSTS, AND NURSERY ATTENDANTS. MERCIFUL GOD,

receive our prayer.

YOU ALONE ARE GOD. WE PRAISE YOU FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED IN EVERY AGE. UNITE OUR PRAYERS WITH THEIRS, UNTIL OUR WILDERNESS JOURNEY IS COMPLETE, AND WE REST IN YOU. 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.

WE LIFT OUR PRAYERS TO YOU, O GOD, TRUSTING IN YOUR STEADFAST LOVE AND YOUR PROMISE TO RENEW YOUR WHOLE CREATION; THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR SAVIOR.

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 Vanco option.

* **The Offertory Procession “As the Grains of Wheat”** *(Now the Feast)*
(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: GOD OF GOOD GIFTS, RECEIVE THESE AND ALL OUR OFFERINGS AS WE PRESENT THEM IN FAITHFUL SERVICE FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR GOSPEL. PREPARE OUR HEARTS TO RECEIVE YOU IN THIS MEAL AS YOU POUR OUT YOUR VERY PRESENCE THROUGH CHRIST JESUS, THE WELLSPRING OF ETERNAL LIFE.

Amen.

* **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** *(Now the Feast)*

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.**

SEND NOW, WE PRAY, YOUR HOLY SPIRIT, THAT ALL OF YOUR PROMISES MAY COME TO US AND YOUR CREATION.

AMEN. COME, HOLY SPIRIT. AMEN. COME, HOLY SPIRIT.

(Sung) **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit. Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

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**

MAKE US BOLD, O MERCIFUL GOD, TO ADDRESS YOU AS OUR ABBA AS WE 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**

COME AND RECEIVE JESUS, OUR STRENGTH IN THE WILDERNESS.

*** 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, EMBODIED GOD, AT YOUR TABLE, WE HAVE TASTED THE GOODNESS OF JESUS. WITH THE EYES OF OUR HEARTS OPEN TO YOUR PROMISE, EMPOWER US TO HEAR THE NEEDS OF OUR NEIGHBORS AND TOUCH THE WORLD WITH YOUR LOVE.

Amen.

The Senior Choir Anthem “Just as I Am, Lord” – Besig

~The Sending~

*** The Blessing**

GOD, THE GIVER OF LOVE, ✚ CHRIST, THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE, AND THE HOLY SPIRIT OF REBIRTH BLESS YOU IN THIS LENTEN JOURNEY.

(Spoken) Amen.

*** The Dismissal**

GO IN PEACE. SERVE IN LOVE.

Thanks be to God.

*** The Sending Hymn**

“Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”

No. 98

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First Reading: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 – Not Printed

Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19 – ¹²Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—¹³sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. ¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man’s trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. ¹⁶And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man’s sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. ¹⁷If, because of the one man’s trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. ¹⁸Therefore just as one man’s trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man’s act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. ¹⁹For just 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.

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11 - ¹Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. ³The 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, ‘One does 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 placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶saying 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, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’” ⁷Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do 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 splendor; ⁹and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” ¹⁰Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’” ¹¹Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

March 5, 2023 readings are: Genesis 12:1-4 a Psalm 121
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 John 3:1-7

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

February 25-26, 2023

**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 family and friends by Bill and Lori Krell

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of Shirley Jean Caley by Sam Caley

THE BULLETINS are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of her father, Jasper Collura, on his February 18th birthday by Ann Marie & David Hadesty & family

Altar Flower Sponsors are needed for April 2nd.

Bulletin sponsors are needed for March 12th, & April 2nd, 16th, & 23rd.

Please sign up on the church bulletin board.

Please remember the following in your prayers Gwenda Rotz, Dr. Kathryn Kropp, Carolyn and Marlin Tirpak, John Eckert, Tim Phillips, Robert Dolbin, Derek Hill, Elizabeth Zimmerman, Mary Richards, Ralph Derr, Joseph Harvilla, John Lattanzi, and all our members who are homebound.

Welcome!!

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Parish Office Hours- Monday & Wednesday: 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Tuesday: 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

Zion's 2023 Church Council officers: Michael Haspe, President, Brian Lawfer, Vice-President, Ernie Henritz, Secretary, Dave Gensure, Treasurer, and Ann Marie Hadesty, Financial Secretary. Other members of Council include: Judy Brennan, Arlene Derr, Glenn Fritzing, Carol Hartung, Darien Moyer, Kailey Richards, 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, February 26, 2023

- 8:00 Confirmation Class
- 9:00 The Service of Word & Sacrament
- 10:15 Christian Education
- 2:00 Baptism

WEDNESDAY

- 6:00 NA Meeting
- 7:00 Mid-Week Lenten Service/ Zion
- 8:00 Senior Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY

- 9:00 Thrift Store

SATURDAY

- 5:30 Saturday Evening Worship

NEXT SUNDAY, March 5, 2023

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

Supporting Zion's Ministries

"Empowered and inspired by God to bring others to Christ"

Received 2/19/23 in support of Zion Ministries:

From our gifts	\$1,816.00
From Thrift Store	\$0.00
From Culinary	\$0.00
From (other)	\$0.00

Received for Endowment: \$265.00

Received for Capital Campaign: \$580.00

Received year-to-date for Zion's mission/ministries:

From offering/gifts/memorials:	\$24,191.72
From Thrift Store:	\$1,046.04
From Endowment:	\$21,459.00
From Culinary:	\$0.00

Year-to-date total for Zion's mission/ministries: \$46,696.76

Thank you for your gifts. Your gifts allow us to share the word of God and the love of Jesus with our congregation and our community.

GIFTS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

CURRENT FUND DONATIONS are given to the Glory of God and

- In loving memory of Mary Koch by Dave and Darlene Fetterman
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- In loving memory of Mary Koch by Paul & Irene Pecha
- In loving memory of Mary Koch by Mark & Charlene Valentine
- In celebration of the birth of Noah Riley on February 7th by Mark & Charlene Valentine

Upcoming Events

March 10 & 24 – Lenten Dinner

March 3 & 31 – Blessings Thrift Sale

April 2 – Bring a Friend Sunday Breakfast

April 27 – Hoagie Sale

Zion's Blessings Thrift Shop sale is on Friday, March 3rd and March 31st from 9 am to 5 pm. The sale features gently used clothing for all ages, toys, books, and general household items. Come take a look! Limited Take-Out Menu. Shoppers must wear masks and maintain social distancing.

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES 2023 - St. Johns and Zion will once again hold combined Mid-Week Lenten Services at 7:00 pm. The Wednesday March 1st service will be at Zion. The service will follow the Holden Evening prayer from the ELW. This year's Lenten sermon series is Sing with All the Saints in Glory: Lent is a time of renewal. We focus on the death and resurrection of Jesus – and in turn focus on our own death and resurrection found in baptism. You don't want to miss it. Let's walk these weeks together in faith.

Altar Flower and Bulletin Sponsors needed for 2023 - The Altar Flower and Bulletin Sponsor list for 2023 is on the bulletin board. The costs of the flowers are \$36.80 (please note price increase) and individuals will be billed from the florist. The cost of the bulletin sponsorship is \$16.00 and monies are due when you place your name on the list. You can also sponsor the Candles for the month at \$40. Please remember to fill out a card with your honorarium or memorial this information is needed for the bulletin. Please do not sign up without filling out a form. These sponsorships are on a first come first serve basis; this is to ensure that everyone has equal opportunity to sponsor these memorials. Please contact the church office if you have questions. Thank you in advance for your sponsorship!

Instead of giving up smoking, sweets, or something like that during Lent, why not give something else up, the most valuable thing you have--**YOUR TIME!** Volunteer to do something for your Church, your neighbor, your community. You might find that giving of yourself brings back rewards that you just never imagined. And then, keep on doing it long after Lent, make it a lifestyle.

Zion Lenten Fish Dinner

March 10 & 24, 2023

4:00 PM to 7:00 PM or sell-out

Adult \$12.00 – Children up to age 10 \$7.00

Take-Outs Available

Menu: Baked Haddock, Crab Cakes or Chicken Fingers. Sides: Mac & Cheese, Stewed Tomatoes, and Cole Slaw. Sit in or take out available. Hope to see you there!