

# **Third Sunday in Lent**

**March 7, 2021**

9:00 am

Communion



*278 Years Of  
“Joyously proclaiming the good news of God’s love”*

**ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH**

SPRING CITY, PENNSYLVANIA  
Founded in 1743

## THIS WEEK AT ZION

Sunday 3/7	8:00 am	Bell choir
	9:00 am	Worship
	9:00 am	Confirmation
Monday	7:30 pm	AA Meeting
Tuesday	5:00 pm	Tai Kwan Do
	7:30 pm	Council Meeting
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Lenten Bible study-(zoom)
Sunday 3/14	9:00 am	Worship

### ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

**A Congregation of the Southeastern Pa. Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

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#### **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS (3/7)**

<b>This week</b>	
Deb Batten	Assistant Minister
Anna Moore	Lay Reader
Shawn Rogers	Greeter
Maggie Munz	Greeter
Elaine Weinsteiger	Altar Guild
Michelle Favara	Hymns

#### **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS (3/14)**

<b>Next week</b>	
Paul Condrack	Assistant Minister
Beverly Tyson	Lay Reader
Shawn Rogers	Greeter
Maggie Munz	Greeter
Patti Mandik	Altar Guild
Joe and Diane Sakal	Hymns

**We thank you for your service to the church.**

**We will be celebrating Communion today. Please keep bread and wine ready.**

**Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

## **INTRODUCTION**

*The third covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the central one of Israel's history: the gift of the law to those God freed from slavery. The commandments begin with the statement that because God alone has freed us from the powers that oppressed us, we are to let nothing else claim first place in our lives. When Jesus throws the merchants out of the temple, he is defending the worship of God alone and rejecting the ways commerce and profit-making can become our gods. The Ten Commandments are essential to our baptismal call: centered first in God's liberating love, we strive to live out justice and mercy in our communities and the world.*

## **PRELUDES**

On Tannenberg- "Lord, Speak to Me" by Robert Schumann, Arr. by Richard Unfreid  
"Jesus, Cornerstone of Our Faith" by Forrest Hill  
"Melodie" by William Stickles

## **WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **GREETING**

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

**A: And also with you.**

Hymn                    **Canticle of the Turning       #723 ELW vs. 1 & 2**  
*Text: Rory Cooney, b. 1952, based on the Magnificat Music: Irish traditional*



### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**A: Amen.**

## **Confession and Forgiveness**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

P: God of heaven and earth, you come in close and make us yours. Equip us by your Spirit to confess our sin, embrace your forgiveness, and seek the way you set before us in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**A& P: Amen.**

P: With honesty of heart, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Merciful God,

**A& P: you sent Jesus Christ to save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We fail in love, neglect justice, and ignore your truth. Have mercy on us and wash away our sin. Create in us clean hearts for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

P: Behold, now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation. Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen**

**Hymn of Praise**

**"As the Deer"**  
Text & Music: Martin J. Nystrum

**W & P #9**

*Please be seated*

**First Reading: Exodus 20:1-17**

*After escaping from slavery, the Israelites come to Mount Sinai, where God teaches them how to live in community. The Ten Commandments proclaim that God alone is worthy of worship. Flowing from God, the life of the community flourishes when based on honesty, trust, fidelity, and respect for life, family, and property.*

R: A reading from the book of Exodus:

God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

R: The Word of the Lord.

P & A: Thanks be to God.

**Psalm: Psalm 19**

*The commandment of the Lord gives light to the eyes. (Ps. 19:8)*

R: The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.

**A & P: One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another. Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard, their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world, where God has pitched a tent for the sun.**

R: It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

**A & P:** It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

R: The teaching of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

**A & P: The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

R: The fear of the Lord is clean and endures forever; the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

**A & P:** More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

R: By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.

**A & P: Who can detect one's own offenses? Cleanse me from my secret faults. Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.**

R: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

*Those able, please stand*

**ACCLAMATION**      "Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery"  
Text: and Music: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

#334 ELW

## Gospel: John 2:13-22

*Jesus attacks the commercialization of religion by driving merchants out of the temple. When challenged, he responds mysteriously, with the first prediction of his own death and resurrection. In the midst of a seemingly stable religious center, Jesus suggests that the center itself has changed.*

*P: The Holy Gospel according to John*

**A: Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**A: Praise to you, O Christ**

(Please be seated)

## THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**MESSAGE by Pastor Tina Mackie**

### 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

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

You can add names to the prayer list by contacting the church office. After three weeks names will be removed from the prayer of intercession unless resubmitted. These people will still be in our private prayers.

(Please stand)

A: On this third Sunday in Lent, let our prayer reflect the guidance of the Ten Commandments. We respond to each petition with the words "grant us your wisdom, O God."

A: O God, our lawgiver, our temple, our wisdom, form your church to worship you alone. As you blessed Gregory the Great, so bless our bishops for their ministry in church and world.

You are our strength and our redeemer:

**P: grant us your wisdom, O God.**

A: Protect all who call upon the power of your name. As you blessed the martyr Perpetua and her companions, so bless all the baptized who suffer for their faith.

You are our strength and our redeemer:

**P: grant us your wisdom, O God.**

A: Even during this pandemic, connect us in diverse ways to our worshiping communities, and give to all persons regular rest from their work.

You are our strength and our redeemer:

**P: grant us your wisdom, O God.**

A: Bless with wisdom all parents and any who are granted authority over others, and give to children the will to honor those who care for them.

You are our strength and our redeemer:

**P: grant us your wisdom, O God.**

A: Keep the nations of the earth from engaging in war, bloodshed, and torture, and help people of all ages to resist the lure of violence.

You are our strength and our redeemer:

**P: grant us your wisdom, O God.**

A: Uphold marriages and all commitments of care, and defend all persons, especially children, from sexual abuse.

You are our strength and our redeemer:

**P: grant us your wisdom, O God.**

A: Guard your earth, its animals and its plant life from all who would take for themselves more than they need.

You are our strength and our redeemer:

**P: grant us your wisdom, O God.**

A: Train the diverse peoples of our nation to respect one another. As you blessed Harriet Tubman and Sojourner Truth, so bless all who work to end discrimination and the oppression of the vulnerable.

You are our strength and our redeemer:

**P: grant us your wisdom, O God.**

A: Use our bounty to meet the needs of others, those who are homeless or hungry, and hear our prayers for all who are sick or suffering, especially all afflicted with the coronavirus and all we name here before you. . . Receive our prayers for **Fawn** Keenan and **Ralph** Finkbiner. Heal them with your loving might.

You are our strength and our redeemer:

**A: grant us your wisdom, O God.**

P: Teach us how to pray, also for ourselves:

*Others for whom you may wish to pray: (names submitted by our members): Moriah Finkbiner, Roxanne Robinson and Christine Roleski.*

You are our strength and our redeemer:

**A: grant us your wisdom, O God.**

P: Receive our thanks for all who have died in the faith, and bring us all at the end into the fullness of your life.

You are our strength and our redeemer:

**A: grant us your wisdom, O God.**

P: We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful and gracious God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**A: Amen.**

**THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**A: And also with you.**

*Let us share the peace with one another*

**OFFERING INVITATION**

*(Please be seated)*



**OFFERING with Special music**

Emily Hoshaw- on Viola- "Minuet #2" by J.S. Bach Viola

**OFFERING PRAYER**

A: Faithful God, you walk beside us in desert places, and you meet us in our hunger with bread from heaven. Accompany us in this meal, that we may pass over from death to life with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**P: Amen.**

*(Please stand)*



**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

*Believing in the real presence of Christ, this church practices communion hospitality. All baptized persons are welcome to participate in the Lord's Supper. Parent(s)/Grandparent(s) will place their hands on untutored young people for a blessing given by the Pastor. The response when receiving the bread and wine could be: "Amen" or "I believe." (Grape juice and Gluten Free wafers are available)*

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P: The Lord be with you.

**A: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**A: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**A: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord**

P: In every age you sent prophets to make known your loving will for all humanity. The cry of the poor has become your own cry; our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire. In the crowning act of love, you gave your only Son that whoever believes in him will have eternal life. For you sent Jesus not to condemn the world, but to save the world from sin. Through his death on the cross, we who were once far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.

P: With this bread and cup, we remember Christ's life among us; his association with outcasts, his eating with sinners, his healing of the sick, his care for the poor. Send, we pray, your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and wine, that we who share this meal may become a holy communion, the body of Christ in the world.

**A: Amen.**

P: Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray,

**A: 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.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: Jesus draws the whole world to himself. Come to this meal and be fed.

**A: Amen.**

## **SHARING IN COMMUNION**

P: This is the Body of Christ given for you

**A: I believe or Amen** (Congregation will eat the wafer)

P: This is the Blood of Christ given for you

**A: I believe or Amen** (Congregation will drink the wine)

## **POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in His grace.

**A: Amen.**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**A:** God of steadfast love, at this table you gather your people into one body for the sake of the world. Send us in the power of your Spirit, that our lives bear witness to the love that has made us new in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**P: Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy, the Lord look upon you and give you peace.

**A: Amen**

## **THE SENDING HYMN**

### ***Lift High the Cross***

### **#660 ELW vs. 1&4**

Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827-1912; rev. Michael R. Newbolt, 1874-1956 Music: Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875-1947

## **DISMISSAL**

A: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

**P & A: Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

"How Great Thou Art" by Stuart K. Hine, Arr. Richard Unfreid

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## **BULLETINS:**

In honor and memory of Irvin (Bud) Custer, a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather **by daughter Laura Clark and family.**

With honor and pride on the celebration of my daughter, Jessica's birthday by **Laura Clark.**

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## **BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Deuteronomy 4:1-10	A wise and discerning people
Jeremiah 11:1-17	Judgment against the olive tree
Matthew 5:1-48	The blessings of the kingdom
Romans 3:19-28	Justified by grace
I John 1:1-10	God is light
Psalm 39	My hope is in God