# Second Sunday in Lent

## March 13, 2022

9:00 am

Communion

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*279 Years Of*
*"Joyously proclaiming the good news of God's love"*

**ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH**
SPRING CITY, PENNSYLVANIA
Founded in 1743

**THIS WEEK AT ZION**

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| Sunday 3/13 | 7.45 | am | Bell choir |
| | **9.00** | **am** | **Worship** |
| | 9.45 | am | SCS/ Confirmation |
| | **10.45** | **am** | **Service of Word and Table** |
| Monday 3/14 | 6.30 | pm | Praise band |
| | 7.00 | pm | AA meeting |
| Tuesday 3/15 | 5:00 | pm | Tae Kwan Do |
| Wednesday 3/16 | 7:00 | pm | Lenten Bible study-(in person) |
| | 8:00 | pm | Lenten Bible study-(zoom) |
| Thursday 3/17 | 6.15 | pm | Hymn Singer/Special Music Rehearsal |
| | 7.00 | pm | Zion adult choir |
| Sunday 3/20 | 7.45 | am | Bell choir |
| | **9.00** | **am** | **Worship** |
| | **10.45** | **am** | **Service of Word and Table** |

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**Sunday, March 13th, 2022**

**INTRODUCTION**

*Though we sometimes doubt and often resist God's desire to protect and save us, our God persists. In holy baptism, God's people have been called and gathered into a God-initiated relationship that will endure. Lent provides the church with a time and a tradition in which to seek God's face again. Lent provides another occasion to behold the God of our salvation in the face of the Blessed One who "comes in the name of the Lord."*

**PRELUDES**

**On Tannenberg-"Savior, LIke a Shepherd Lead us"** by William B. Bradbury, Arr. Richard Unfried
**On Piano- "Think About His Love" -** by Walt Harrah, Arr. by Mark Hayes
**On Allen Organ- "Canzonetta"** 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.
**C: And also with you.**

**Hymn** **"The God of Abraham Praise- ELW #831, Vs. 1 & 4**
**Text: Thomas Olivers, based on the Yigdal, , Music: Jewish melody; arr. Meyer Lyon**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**
P: God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## KYRIE

**CONFESSION**
*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P: In the name of God, who makes a way in the wilderness, walks with us, and guides us in our pilgrimage.
C: **Amen.**

***Silence is kept for reflection.***

P: 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.**
**C: Amen.**

P: 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.
**C: Amen.**

***Please be seated***

**First Reading: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18**
*God promises a childless and doubting Abram that he will have a child, that his descendants will be as numerous as the stars, and that the land of Canaan will be their inheritance. Abram's trust in God is sealed with a covenant-making ceremony, a sign of God's promise.*

R: A reading from the book of Genesis:

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” But Abram said, “O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” But the word of the Lord came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, “I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.” But he said, “O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?” He said to him, “Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. [11]And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. [18]On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.”

R: The Word of the Lord.
**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm: Psalm 27**
*In the day of trouble, God will give me shelter. (Ps. 27:5)*

R: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

**C: When evildoers close in against me to devour my flesh,**
**they, my foes and my enemies, will stumble and fall.**

R: Though an army encamp against me, my heart will not fear.
Though war rise up against me, my trust will not be shaken.

**C: One thing I ask of the Lord; one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek God in the temple. For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter, hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high upon a rock.**

R: Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me. Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music to the Lord.

**C: Hear my voice, O Lord, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me.**

R: My heart speaks your message “Seek my face.” Your face, O Lord, I will seek. Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger. Cast me not away you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation.

**C: Though my father and my mother forsake me, the Lord will take me in.**

R: Teach me your way, O Lord; lead me on a level path, because of my oppressors.

**C: Subject me not to the will of my foes, for they rise up against me, false witnesses breathing violence.**

R: This I believe that I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living!
Wait for the Lord and be strong. Take heart and wait for the Lord!

***Those able, please stand***

**ACCLAMATION**

**Gospel: Luke 13:31-35**

*Neither Herod's plotting nor Jerusalem's resistance to maternal love will deter Jesus from his sacrificial mission.*

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke
**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.' "

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
**C: Praise to you, O Christ**

***Please be seated***

**THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**MESSAGE by Pastor Tina Mackie**

***Please stand***

**HYMN "Day by Day and with Each Passing Moment"- ELW #790, Vs. 1 & 3**
**Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, Music: Oskar Ahnfelt**

**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 removed people will still be in our private prayers.*

A: Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.
A: You gather the church into a community of mercy and grace. Unify Christians around the globe in efforts to proclaim good news even in the face of opposition and to protect those whose lives are imperiled by the gospel. Merciful God,
**C: receive our prayer.**

A: You create the entire universe and call it good. Hinder those who would cause further destruction to our planet's fragile ecosystems, and augment the calls of those who advocate for thoughtful stewardship of the earth's resources. Merciful God,
**C: receive our prayer.**

A: You raise up leaders committed to love and justice. Nurture in those who govern patience to receive criticism, openness to new ideas, and courage to change course when needed for the sake of the common good. Merciful God,
**C: receive our prayer.**

A: You kindle faith that moves us into action. Guide children and adults preparing for baptism or confirmation. Empower Sunday school teachers, confirmation leaders, and parents who share their faith with younger generations. Give us all a renewed sense of vocation. Merciful God,
**C: receive our prayer.**

A: For all who are sick. Hear our prayers for **Kate** Ciavarelli, **Roger** Batten, **Amy** Mandik, **Jack** Rousseau, **Helen** Christman, **Nicki** Grubb, **Joy** Moyer, **Anne** Carroll and those we lift before you now. Surround them with your unwavering presence. Merciful God,
**C: receive our prayer.**

P: You welcome us into your heavenly realm. We give thanks for those whose labors on earth are ended and who now rest with you. On the final day, gather all of us, with them, in your loving arms. Merciful God,
**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ.
**C: Amen.**

## THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all.
**C: And also with you.**

***Let us share the peace with one another***

***Please be seated***

## OFFERING INVITATION

**March 13, 2019** (2nd Sunday in Lent, Year C)

**Psalm 27:1 –**The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

*As the news media, ad execs, and politicians know well, fear is the great motivator of people, but a negative one. Trusting in God's power and providence, steward/disciples tap into a better source of motivation.*

**OFFERING with Special music**

**Zion Choir- "If My People Will Pray"**
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**OFFERING PRAYER**
A: Extravagant God,
you have blessed us with the fullness of creation.
Now we gather at your feast
where you offer us the food that satisfies.
Take and use what we offer here, come among us,
and feed us with the body and blood of Christ,
in whose name we pray.
**C: 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.
**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.
**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
**C: 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 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: Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray,
**C: 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: Here is food and drink for the journey. Take and be filled.
**C: Amen.**

**DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

**COMMUNION HYMNS**

**Song #1- "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart" ELW #484**
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**Song #2- "I Received the Living God" ELW #477- All verses**
Text and Music: Anonymous

**POST COMMUNION BLESSING**
P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in His grace.
**C: Amen.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**
A: Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life.
Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need.
**C: 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.
**C: Amen.**

**THE SENDING HYMN "Why Should I Feel Discouraged"- TFF, #252, All Verses**

**Text: Civilla D. Martin, Music: Charles H. Gabriel**

**DISMISSAL**
A: Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.
**C: Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE
**"The Peace of Christ"** by Peter Burkhardt

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## BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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| Monday | Exodus 33:1-6 | Abraham's descendants lament |
| Tuesday | Numbers 14:10b-24 | Moses intercedes for the people |
| Wednesday | Luke 13:1-21 | Call to repentance |
| Thursday | Luke 13:22-35 | The narrow door |
| Friday | Romans 4:1-12 | The faith of Abraham |
| Saturday | Psalm 105:1-42 | God's covenant with Abraham |

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**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS: We thank you for your service to the church.**

| This week (3/13) | | | | |
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| **9.00 am** | | | **10.45 am** | |
| Assistant Minister | Bruce Wilson | | Assistant Minister | Ron Hoinowski |
| Reader | Sharon Wilson | | Reader | Peg Hoinowski |
| Greeter | Shawn Rogers | | | |
| Greeter | Maggie Munz | | | |
| Hymns | Zion choir | | | |

| Next week (3/20) | | | | |
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| **9.00 am** | | | **10.45 am** | |
| Assistant Minister | Dan Bauman | | Assistant Minister | Ron Hoinowski |
| Reader | Jena Dietrich | | Reader | Peg Hoinowski |
| Greeter | Shawn Rogers | | | |
| Greeter | Maggie Munz | | | |
| Hymns | Zion choir | | | |