

Third Sunday in Lent

March 20, 2022

9:00 am

Communion



*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

Sunday 3/20	7.45	am	Bell choir
	9.00	am	Worship
	9.45	am	SCS/ Confirmation
	10.45	am	Service of Word and Table
	6.30	pm	Youth group
Monday 3/21	6.30	pm	Praise band
	7.00	pm	AA meeting
Tuesday 3/22	5:00	pm	Tae Kwan Do
	7.30	pm	Property committee meeting
Wednesday 3/23	7:00	pm	Lenten Bible study-(in person)
	8:00	pm	Lenten Bible study-(zoom)
Thursday 3/24	6.15	pm	Hymn Singer/Special Music Rehearsal
	7.00	pm	Zion adult choir
Friday 3/25	6.00	pm	Youth group
Sunday 3/27	7.45	am	Bell choir
	9.00	am	Worship
	10.45	am	Service of Word and Table

Sunday, March 20th, 2022

INTRODUCTION

The warnings are plentiful and blunt on the third Sunday in Lent. Cut it out or get cut down! The warnings are accompanied by God's invitation to attentiveness: "Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live." The landowner's ultimatum is forestalled by the gardener's readiness to till the ground one more year. That is good news for all of us. Thanks be to God!

PRELUDES

On Tannenberg- "Variations on St. Anne" by Edward Broughton, Tune by William Croft

On Piano- "Change My Heart, Oh God"- Words and Music by Eddie Espinosa, Arr, by Mark Hayes

On Allen Organ- "Melodie"- by William Stickles

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

We pray for the Mandik family as they mourn the loss of their family member, Amy Mandik.

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through 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: Isaiah 55:1-9

To those who have experienced long years in exile, the return to their homeland is a celebration of abundant life. God calls them into an everlasting covenant of love. Those who return to God will enjoy new life and forgiveness, because God's ways are not our ways.

R: A reading from the book of Isaiah:

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 63:1-8

O God, eagerly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you. (Ps. 63:1)

R: O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

C: Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, that I might behold your power and your glory.

R: For your steadfast love is better than life itself; my lips shall give you praise.

C: So will I bless you as long as I live and lift up my hands in your name.

R: My spirit is content, as with the richest of foods, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

C: when I remember you upon my bed, and meditate on you in the night watches.

R: For you have been my helper, and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

C: My whole being clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

Those able, please stand

ACCLAMATION

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

Asked about current tragic events, Jesus turns a lesson about whether suffering is deserved into a hard call to obedience. He then tells a parable that holds out hope that the timeline for ultimate judgment will be tempered by patience.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. Jesus asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

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

"As the Deer"

W & P #52

Vs 1 & 2

Text and Music: Martin J. Nystrom

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: We pray for the church around the world in all its forms: for pastors, deacons, bishops, chaplains, and mission developers; for church councils, committee chairs, and all lay ministry leaders; for congregations that contemplate difficult decisions about the future of their ministry. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: For the health of this planet and the well-being of its creatures: for lands impacted by droughts and at risk of wildfires; for fig trees and vineyards that produce fruit for our nourishment and delight; for animal habitats threatened by climate change. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: For those called into positions of civic responsibility: for judges, attorneys, and court administrators tasked with uncovering truth and delivering justice; for activists and community leaders who cast a vision of a more compassionate and equitable society. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: For those who call upon you for mercy: for all who live in poverty and experience hunger; for any who feel tested beyond their strength; for those who are hospitalized or near death, and for all in need of healing. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: For all who are sick. Hear our prayers for **Margaret Szabo, Ruth Mathias, Kate Ciavarelli, 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: For those whose earthly journeys have ended, for **Amy** Blizard Mandik, we give thanks. With all the saints, we praise you for the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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 20, 2022 (3rd Sunday in Lent, Year C)

Isaiah 55:2—Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

Stewardship is about making wise choices—choices that promote health, wellbeing, and faithful living. Isaiah asks the right questions and gives good advice.

OFFERING with Special music

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

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 "Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer" - ELW #618 All Verses



William Williams, Music: John Hughes

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

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BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	Jeremiah 11:1-17	Judgment against the olive tree
Tuesday	Ezekiel 17:1-24	Allegory of the vine
Wednesday	Luke 14:1-14	Jesus heals and teaches
Thursday	Luke 14:15-35	The cost of being a disciple
Friday	Romans 2:1-16	Divine judgment
Saturday	Psalms 39	My hope is in God

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

This week (3/20)			
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		

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Reader	Amy Kirk	Reader	Peg Hoinowski
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