

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 27, 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 3/27	7.45	am	Bell choir
	9.00	am	Worship
	9.45	am	no SCS/ Confirmation
	10.45	am	Service of Word and Table
	5.00	pm	Youth group cook off
Monday	7.00	pm	AA meeting
Tuesday	5:00	pm	Tae Kwan Do
Wednesday	7:00	pm	Lenten Bible study-(in person)
	8:00	pm	Lenten Bible study-(zoom)
Thursday	6.30	pm	Hymn Singer/Special Music Rehearsal
	7.00	pm	Zion adult choir
Sunday 4/3	7.30	am	Bell choir
	9.00	am	Worship
	10.45	am	Service of Word and Table

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INTRODUCTION

The psalm sets the tone this day: "Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!" Happy are those who have "become the righteousness of God" in the merits of Christ Jesus. Happy are those for whom the forgiveness of God has "rolled away . . . the disgrace" of former times. Happy is the father at the return of his prodigal son. Happy are we that our sins are forgiven for Jesus' sake. Rejoice!

PRELUDES

On Tannenberg- "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"- by Lizzie S. Tourjee, Arr. by Richard Unfried

On Piano- "Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me"- Words and Music by Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, and Michael Farren, Arr. by Tracey Craig McKibben

On Allen Organ- "Melody in G" 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

"Amazing Grace" ELW #779, Vs. 1, 2, & 5



Text: John Newton, Music: W. Walker, Southern Harmony; arr. Edwin O. Excell

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, 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: Joshua 5:9-12

By celebrating the Passover and eating the produce of the promised land instead of the miraculous manna that had sustained them in the desert, the Israelites symbolically bring their forty years of wilderness wandering to an end at Gilgal.

R: A reading from the book of Joshua:

The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 32

Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord. (Ps. 32:11)

R: Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!

C: Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile!

R: While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, because of my groaning all day long.

C: For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

R: Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

C: Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

R: You are my hiding place; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

C: "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; I will guide you with my eye.

R: Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."

C: Great are the tribulations of the wicked; but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.

R: Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

Those able, please stand

ACCLAMATION

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Jesus tells a parable about a son who ponders his father's love only after he has spurned it. The grace he receives is beyond his hopes. That same grace is a crisis for an older brother who believes it is his obedience that has earned his place in the father's home.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So he told them this parable: "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs.

He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him.

Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in.

His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Please be seated

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

Please stand

HYMN

"Our Father We Have Wandered"- ELW #606, Vs. 1 & 3

Text: Kevin Nichols, Music: Hans Leo Hassler, arr. Johann Sebastian Bach

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: Jesus formed the disciples in the ways of extravagant mercy and profound welcome. Lead your church to be a community marked by forgiveness, hospitality, and celebration. Send us to transform a world plagued by fear and condemnation. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: You make the land to produce a harvest that sustains your entire creation. Equip farmers and farm workers who till the soil. Nourish the earth with ample rainfall and abundant sunshine. Heal grounds tainted by pollution or misuse. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Countries are divided and leaders often harbor grudges. Reconcile nations that experience conflict. Act quickly to bring an end to war. Anoint peacemakers trained in the art of diplomacy and foster a spirit of collaboration among political rivals. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Your people cry for help in times of distress. Resolve disagreements among family members. Save those experiencing financial hardship. Hear our prayers for those who are sick or grieving. Console us with the promise that everything can become new. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: For all who are sick. Hear our prayers for **Joyce** Wicker, **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: The one who was dead is alive again. We give thanks for those who have died, confident that steadfast love surrounds them. Shelter them in your love until we are gathered at your heavenly banquet. 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 27, 2022 (4th Sunday in Lent, Year C)

2 Corinthians 5:17 –So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

The way a bubbling spring renews and refreshes a streambed, so the Holy Spirit continually renews our souls. Relax and be continually renewed in Christ.

OFFERING with Special music

"Nothing is Impossible" by Jonathan Hunt, Arr. by Joel Hunt

Performed by Praise Band- Christopher Kirk, Lily Staley, Emily Hoshaw and Lori Hoshaw

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 - "For the Bread Which You Have Broken" ELW #494

Text: Louis F. Benson, Music: Gross Catolisch Gesangbuch, arr. William Smith Rockstro

Song #2- "I Come with Joy" - ELW #482

Text: Brian A. Wren, Music: W. Walker, Southern Harmony"

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 with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

THE SENDING HYMN

"What Wondrous Love Is This" ELW #666, Vs. 1, 2, 3



Text: North American folk hymn, Music: W. Walker, Southern Harmony; arr. Paul J. Christiansen

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"The Promise of Salvation" by Edward Broughton

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May God continue to bless you!

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	Leviticus 23:26-41	Days for confession and celebration
Tuesday	Leviticus 25:1-22	The jubilee celebration
Wednesday	Luke 15:1:10	The parables of the lost sheep and the lost coin
Thursday	Luke 15:11-32	The parable of the lost son
Friday	Revelation 19:1-9	The marriage supper of the lamb
Saturday	Psalms 53	Restoring our fortunes

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

This week (3/27)			
9.00 am		10.45 am	
Assistant Minister	Dan Bauman	Assistant Minister	Ron Hoinowski
Reader	Amy Kirk		
Greeter	Shawn Rogers		
Greeter	Maggie Munz		
Hymns	Zion choir		

Next week (4/3)			
9.00 am		10.45 am	
Assistant Minister	Jena Dietrich	Assistant Minister	Ron Hoinowski
Reader	Beverly Tyson		
Greeter	Shawn Rogers		
Greeter	Maggie Munz		
Hymns	Zion choir		