

Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 3, 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 4/3	7.45 am 9.00 am 9.45 am 10.45 am	Bell choir Worship SCS/ Confirmation Service of Word and Table
Monday	7.00 pm 6.30 pm	AA meeting Praise band
Tuesday	5:00 pm 7.00 pm	Tae Kwan Do Executive Committee Meeting
Wednesday	7:00 pm 8:00 pm	Lenten Bible study-(in person) Lenten Bible study-(zoom)
Thursday	6.30 pm 7.00 pm	Hymn Singer/Special Music Rehearsal Zion adult choir
Saturday	10.00 am	Spring clean up
Sunday 4/10	7.30 am 9.00 am 10.45 am	Bell choir Worship Service of Word and Table

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INTRODUCTION

Our God makes all things new. In the first reading God promises it. In the gospel Mary anticipates it, anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume in preparation for the day of his burial. In the second reading Paul recalls his transformation from the persecutor Saul into an apostle. In baptism, God's new person (you!) rises daily from the deadly mire of trespasses and sins.

PRELUDES

On Tannenberg - "More about Jesus, would I Know" by John. R. Sweeney, Arr. Richard Unfried

On Piano- "In Christ Alone" - Words and Music by Stuart Townsend and Keith Getty, Arr. by Carol Tornquist

On Allen- "Softly and Tenderly" by Will R. Thompson, Arr, by Rex Koury

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

"Take My Life, and let it be "- Traditional Tune, Vs. 1, 2, 3



Text: Frances R. Havergal ,Tune: H. A. Cesar Malan

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through 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 Gospel Reading: Luke 10:38-42

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

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing.

Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Gospel Reading: John 11:1-44

P: The Holy Gospel according to John:

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!". But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if

you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Those able, please stand

ACCLAMATION

Third Gospel Reading: John 12:1-8

Judas willfully misinterprets as waste Mary's extravagant act of anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume. Jesus recognizes that her lavish gift is both an expression of love and an anticipation of his burial.

P: The Holy Gospel according to John:

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples the one who was about to betray him, said, Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor? He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it. Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Please be seated

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

Please stand

HYMN

"Amazing Love"- W & P #8 All Verses

Text and Music by Graham Kendrick

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: Do a new thing in the church. Free us from paradigms that no longer serve the gospel and bring forward leaders who imagine fresh ways of doing ministry. Give us courage in the face of change. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Do a new thing for creation. Reverse the trajectory of climate change and environmental catastrophe. Revive habitats already impaired by human disregard. Amplify the voices of climate scientists and researchers working to chart a new course. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Do a new thing in our world. Break barriers that prevent political enemies from working together for the well-being of all. Make a way for peace and collaboration among the nations. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Do a new thing for those who suffer. Reveal a path for any who are unemployed or underemployed, for those experiencing homelessness, and for all who struggle with money. Comfort those who grieve and restore those who are sick. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Do a new thing within us. Direct us into encounters that broaden our understanding of the human experience. Amplify voices that are ignored or devalued. Deliver us especially from the scourge of racism. 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: Do a new thing in our death. Fill us with the knowledge of Christ and the power of his resurrection as we give thanks for all the saints who have attained the prize of their heavenly call. 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

April 3, 2022 (Fifth Sunday in Lent, Year C)

Isaiah 43:19 – I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

Jesus came to us as the embodiment of the ultimate “new thing” that God was doing for us. Through Jesus, God imbues us with new life and shows us a new way.

OFFERING with Special music

"He Touched Me" -Words and Music by William J. Gaither- **Zion Choir**

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- "I Come with Joy" - ELW #482

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

Song #2- One Bread, One Body- ELW #496, All Verses

Text and Music: John Foley, SJ

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 - "Jesus the Very Thought of You"- ELW #754, Vs. 1, 2, & 4



Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, Music: John B. Dykes

DISMISSAL

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

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Happy the Soul Who Dwells on God:" by Richard Blake

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BULLETINS and FLOWERS: Flowers sponsored by the Moore family.

Flowers are in honor of our daughter Anna. Happy 17th birthday! We love you and are thankful for your beautiful soul everyday!
Love, Mom, Dad and Julia

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	Exodus 40:1-15	Anointing for priestly service
Tuesday	I Kings 19:15-21	Anointing of Elisha as prophet
Wednesday	Luke 16:1-18	The Shrewd Manager
Thursday	Luke 16:19-31	Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus
Friday	I Samuel 16:1-13	Anointing of David as king
Saturday	Psalms 20	The Anointed One and us

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

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

Next week (4/10)			
9.00 am		10.45 am	
Assistant Minister	Bruce Wilson	Assistant Minister	Ron Hoinowski
Reader	Sharon Wilson		
Greeter	Shawn Rogers		
Greeter	Maggie Munz		
Hymns	Zion choir		