

Year A

The Second Sunday in Lent

Service of Holy Communion



March 1, 2026

9:00 am

Zion Lutheran Church

Phillipsburg, KS

Introduction to the day

During Lent we journey with all those around the world who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. In today's gospel Jesus tells Nicodemus that he must be born of water and Spirit. At the font we are given a new birth as children of God. As God made a covenant with Abraham, in baptism God promises to raise us up with Christ to new life. From worship we are sent forth to proclaim God's love for all the world.

We are in the season of Lent, which is a time of confession, reflection, and discernment in preparation for Holy Week and Easter. In the early church, Lent was a time for teaching and preparing new Christians who would then be baptized at the Easter Vigil. Sunday Holy Communion services during Lent often have the following practices to reflect the confessional nature of the season:

- The Kyrie is sung or spoken. “Kyrie Eleison” in the Greek of which most of the New Testament was written means “Lord, have mercy.”
 - The Hymn of Praise (“Glory to God” or “This is the Feast”) is omitted until Easter Vigil.
 - The praise “Alleluia” is avoided in liturgy and hymns until Easter Vigil.
 - The Nicene Creed is used throughout the entire season of Lent.
 - The Post-Communion Hymn is optional but often omitted during Lent.
 - The color of the season is purple to reflect both the royalty and suffering of Jesus
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION *(ELW – Ash Wednesday)*

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

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

Most holy and merciful God,

we confess to you and to one another, and before the whole company of heaven, that we have sinned by our fault, by our own fault, by our own most grievous fault, in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

Have mercy on us, O God.

We have shut our ears to your call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Our past unfaithfulness, the pride, envy, hypocrisy, and apathy that have infected our lives, we confess to you.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people, we confess to you.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to share the faith that is in us, we confess to you.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Our neglect of human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty, we confess to you.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Our false judgments, our uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us, we confess to you.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us, we confess to you.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Restore us, O God, and let your anger depart from us.

Hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.

Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,
that we may show forth your glory in the world.

By the cross and passion of your Son, our Savior,
bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

Assembly is invited to stand as able.

GATHERING SONG – *O Holy Spirit, Enter In* (ELW #786)



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, en - ter in, and in our hearts your
2 Left to our - selves, we sure - ly stray; oh, lead us on the
3 O might - y Rock, O Source of life, let your good Word in



work be - gin, and make our hearts your dwell - ing. Sun of the soul,
nar - row way, with wis - est coun - sel guide us; and give us stead -
doubt and strife be in us strong - ly burn - ing, that we be faith -



O Light di - vine, a - round and in us bright - ly shine, your strength
fast - ness, that we may fol - low you for - ev - er free, no mat -
ful un - to death and live in love and ho - ly faith, from you



in us up - well - ing. In your ra - diance life from heav - en now is
ter who de - rides us. Gent - ly heal those hearts now bro - ken; give some
true wis - dom learn - ing. Lord, your mer - cy on us show - er; by your



giv - en o - ver - flow - ing, gift of gifts be - yond all know - ing.
to - ken you are near us, whom we trust to light and cheer us.
pow - er Christ con - fess - ing, we will cher - ish all your bless - ing.

GREETING (ELW page 147; LBW page 78)

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

And also with you.

KYRIE: (W&P #81; ELW Setting 8)

Refrain



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.



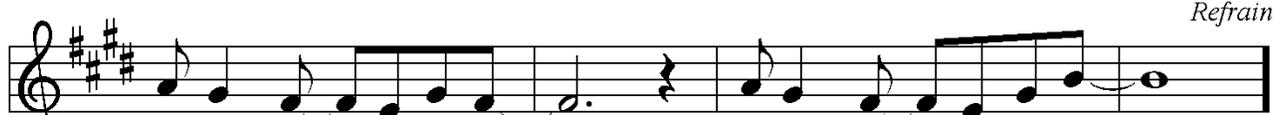
- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
- 4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the



u-ni-ty of all; for
hun-gry and the poor; that
friends and fam-i-ly; for
wa-ter and the word; that you



this ho-ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus-tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod-y and blood,



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Refrain

PRAYER OF THE DAY *(ELW page 27)*

O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Assembly is invited to be seated

CHILDREN SERMON

FIRST READING: Genesis 12:1-4a

¹ The LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ² I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

^{4a} So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 121

¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills;

from where is my help to come?

² **My help comes from the LORD,
the maker of heaven and earth.**

³ The LORD will not let your foot be moved
nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

⁴ **Behold, the keeper of Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep;**

⁵ the LORD watches over you;
the LORD is your shade at your right hand;

⁶ **the sun will not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.**

⁷ The LORD will preserve you from all evil
and will keep your life.

⁸ **The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in,
from this time forth forevermore.**

SECOND READING: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

¹ What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? ² For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³ For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” ⁴ Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. ⁵ But to one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

¹³ For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴ For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵ For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

¹⁶ For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, ¹⁷ as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Assembly is invited to stand as able.

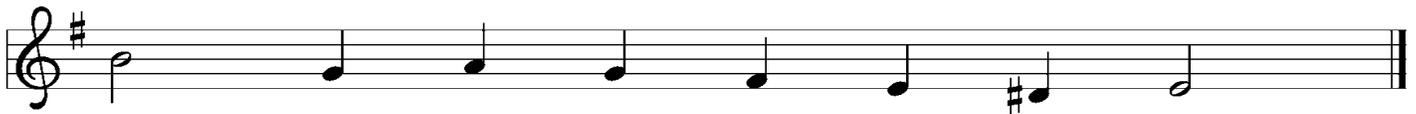
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word (ELW #517)



1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in your word; curb those who
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, send peace and



by de - ceit or sword would wrest the king - dom from your Son
Lord of lords a - lone; de - fend your ho - ly church, that we
u - ni - ty on earth; sup - port us in our fi - nal strife



and bring to naught all he has done.
may sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
and lead us out of death to life.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
Music: ERHALT UNS, HERR, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543

GOSPEL: John 3:1-17

The holy gospel according to John

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ² He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person.” ³ Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵ Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶ What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ ⁸ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” ⁹ Nicodemus said to him,

“How can these things be?” ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?”

¹¹ “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹² If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things?”

¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶ “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷ “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Assembly is invited to sit

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Baptized and Set Free* (ELW #453)



1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.
2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.
3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,
4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.



Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.
Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.
and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.
All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.



Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door
For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:
As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:
Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be



to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.
end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.
pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.
one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

Assembly is invited to stand as able.

NICENE CREED (LBW page 64)

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**
**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,**

**God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *(Adapted from Sundays & Seasons)*

Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

After each petition: Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation. **Amen.**

PEACE *(ELW page 152; LBW page 86)*

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

The assembly is invited to remain standing

OFFERTORY – *Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am* (ELW #814)



Take, oh, take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall be;



set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: TAKE ME AS I AM, John L. Bell

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OFFERING PRAYER (*From Sundays and Seasons*)

O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, Who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING (*ELW page 152; LBW page 88*)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

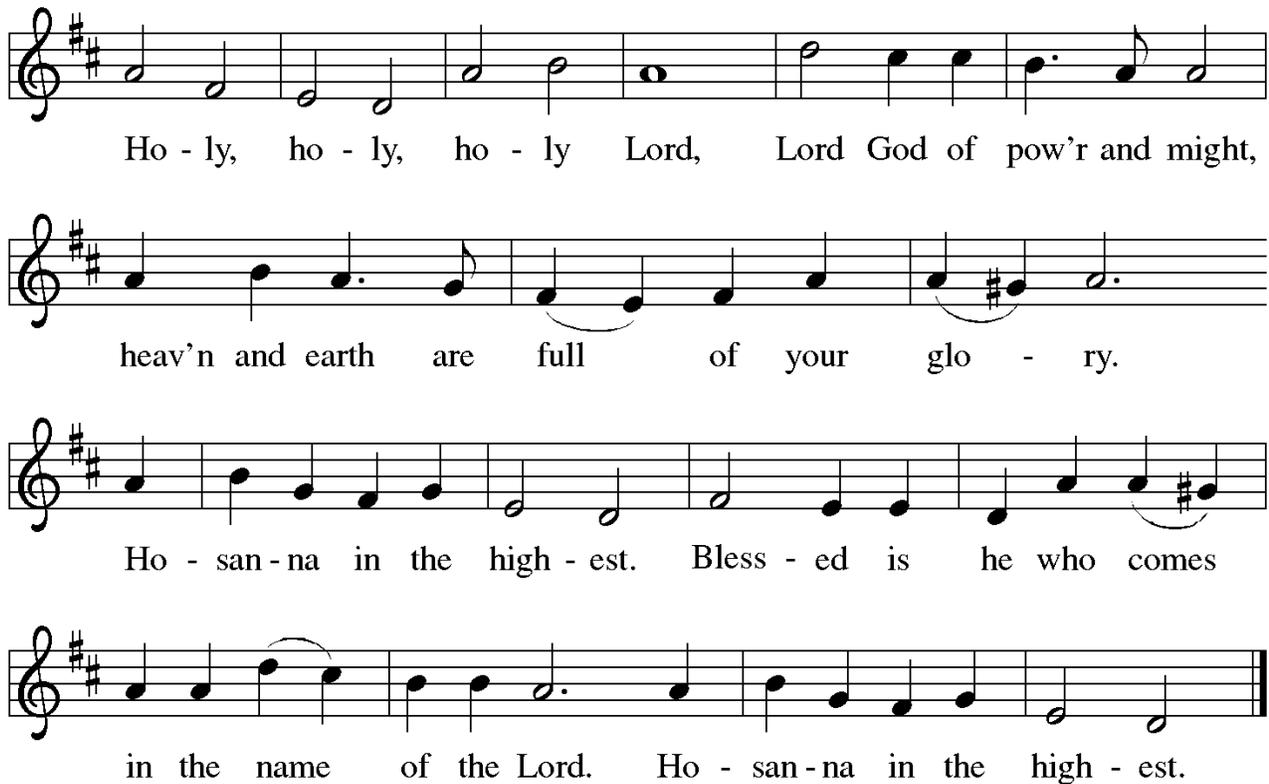
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of

your grace. 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:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*Sanctus*) (*LBW setting 2; ELW setting 4*)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (*ELW page 133*)

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.

Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness
to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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 for the 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 for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence. Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.
Come, Holy Spirit.

With [...] your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER *(ELW page 154; LBW page 91)*

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

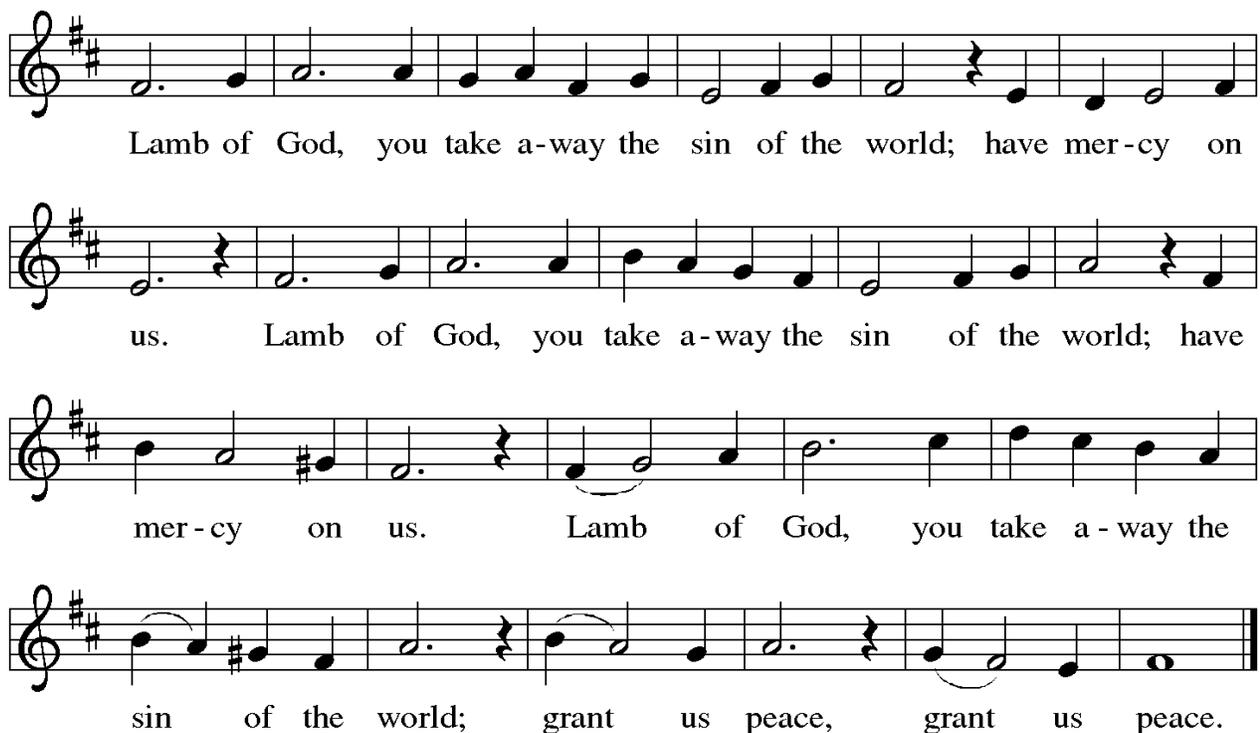
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,

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 *(from Sundays & Seasons)*

Come to the table. Feast on God's goodness and mercy.

LAMB OF GOD (*Agnus Dei*) (LBW setting 2; ELW setting 4)



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Assembly is invited to sit.

Assembly is invited to stand as able.

After all have communed, the Presiding Minister may continue with this or similar words: (LBW page 92)

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (*from Sundays & Seasons*)

God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING (*Adapted from Sundays & Seasons*)

Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity: God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation, ✚ bless you now and always.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN: *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross* (ELW #335)



1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;
2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;
3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;
4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,



free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.
there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.
help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.
till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.

Refrain



In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;



till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

DISMISSAL (from *ELW & LBW Ash Wednesday*)

Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

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LESSER FESTIVALS AND COMMEMORATIONS THIS WEEK

George Herbert, hymnwriter, died 1633

Sunday, March 1, 2026

An excellent scholar, Herbert served briefly in the English parliament, then became a parish priest. He was known for devoted care of his parishioners, as well as for writing poetry and hymns, including "Come, my way, my truth, my life." He died at age 40.

John Wesley, died 1791; Charles Wesley, died 1788; renewers of the church

Monday, March 2, 2026

These brothers led a revival originally intended to remain within the Church of England, one that involved frequent communion and advocacy for the poor. Except for a brief time in America, they worked in England. Charles was also a prolific hymn writer. After their deaths, their work led to the formation of the Methodist Church.

Perpetua and Felicity and companions, martyrs at Carthage, died 202

Saturday, March 7, 2026

Vibia Perpetua, a noblewoman, and Felicity, an enslaved woman, were catechumens at Carthage, northern Africa. They, with four other catechumens, had defied the Roman emperor who had forbidden conversions to Christianity, and were put to death in the amphitheater.

EMMANUEL & ZION PRAYER LIST

Sick, injured, or grieving: Janet Conn, Jessica Gooder, Terry McCall, Bert Mongeau, Eldon Preuss, Troy Blubaugh, Mindy Horner Lamont, and Baby Henry, Lisa Merklein

Military - Jared Dillon, Jessica Kreller, Bryan Lenker, Anthony Swarts, Major Monica Riggs, Brady Sunley, Col. Lisa Mullinax, and Col. Mark Mullinax,

Homebound or in care facilities: Jean Daniels, Sharon Krafft, Ehrhart Merklein, Dorothy Hanke, Norma Preuss, Ray & Donna Zillinger, Betty Zillinger, Wilma Beckman, and Connie Winter.

TO ADD PRAYERS: *If you wish to add someone to the printed prayer list, please confirm that the person consents to be on a public list.* Then please email or call Janice Giedd at jgiedd@ruraltel.net or (785) 543-6705. Please make sure the person being added consents to being on a public prayer list. Names will remain on the list for six weeks unless otherwise notified. If you wish to have an emergency prayer request sent over text, please contact Pastor Lee Bennight: pastorleebennight@gmail.com (785) 302-1923 or Pastor Kathy at kbwhitneyrev@gmail.com or (785) 302-1876.

ZION CALENDAR

Sunday, March 1 – Second Sunday in Lent (Year A)

- 9:00 am – Zion Holy Communion Worship Service

Wednesday, March 4

- 6:00 pm – Midweek Lenten Worship at Zion
- 7:00 pm – Confirmation

Sunday, March 8 – Third Sunday in Lent (Year A)

- 9:00 am – Zion Holy Communion Worship Service

Wednesday, March 11

- 6:00 pm – Midweek Lenten Worship at Zion
- 7:00 pm – Confirmation

Thursday, March 12

- 6:00 pm – Zion Council

Sunday, March 15 – Fourth Sunday in Lent (Year A)

- 9:00 am – Zion Holy Communion Worship Service

Wednesday, March 18

- 6:00 pm – Midweek Lenten Worship at Zion
- SPRING BREAK – NO CONFIRMATION

Sunday, March 22 – Fifth Sunday in Lent (Year A)

- 9:00 am – Zion Holy Communion Worship Service

Wednesday, March 25

- 2:00 pm – PCRC Worship
- 6:00 pm – Midweek Lenten Worship at Zion
- 7:00 pm – Confirmation Class

Sunday, March 29 – Passion (Palm) Sunday (Year A)

- 10:30 am – Combined Palm Sunday worship at Zion
- After worship - Potluck
- 2:00 pm – PCRC Holy Communion Worship

Wednesday, April 1

- 4:00 pm – Holy Communion Class at Emmanuel

Thursday, April 2 – Maundy Thursday

- 7:00 pm – Maundy Thursday worship at Emmanuel

Friday, April 3 – Good Friday

- 7:00 pm – Good Friday Worship at Zion

Saturday, April 4 – Holy Saturday

- 8:00 pm – Easter Vigil at Zion

Sunday, April 5 – The Resurrection of Our Lord (Year A)

- 7:00 am – Sunrise Service at Emmanuel Cemetery
- 7:30 am – Emmanuel Easter Breakfast
- 07:40 am – Sunrise Service at Zion Cemetery
- 9:00 am – Easter Holy Communion Service at Zion
- 10:30 am – Easter Holy Communion Service at Emmanuel

	<u>ZION WORSHIP SERVERS</u>		
	TODAY Sunday (03/01/26) <i>Second Sunday in Lent</i> (Year A) At 9:00 am	Sunday (03/08/26) <i>Third Sunday in Lent</i> (Year A) At 9:00 am	Sunday (03/15/26) <i>Fourth Sunday in Lent</i> (Year A) At 9:00 am
Presiding Minister	Pastor Lee	Pastor Kathy	Pastor Lee
Lector /Reader	Katie Grote	Christi Driggs	Christina Dettmer
Acolyte	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
Musicians	Jean Ann Wagner	Jean Ann Wagner	Jean Ann Wagner
Sound System / Media	Benny Bennight	Sue Kipp	Shellie Lare
Greeters	Jeff & Tamra Griffey	Doug & Leana Driggs	Brad & Shellie Lare
Ushers	Nathaniel Grote	Howard King	Janet McCall
Altar Guild	Pat & Marci Rust	Pat & Marci Rust	Pat & Marci Rust

GIVING

January - \$5,340

FIRST COMMUNION INSTRUCTION

First Communion classes is Wednesday, April 1, 2026, from 5 pm to 8 pm at Emmanuel. Any who are interested please contact Pastor Lee at Pastor Lee at (785) 302-1923 or pastorleebennight@gmail.com.

NEW ADMINISTRATIVE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT ZION:

Zion needs volunteers for such administrative duties as formatting and coordinating worship bulletins, scheduling YouTube streams, updating Facebook, and coordinating the worship serve schedule. There will be training and if there is more than one volunteer, duties could be split. Signup sheet in the narthex or contact Dennis Keesee.

SYNOD ASSEMBLY DELEGATES NEEDED

The Central States Synod Assembly will be on Saturday, June 6, 2026, and will be via Zoom this year to save on expenses. There may be local gatherings with other congregations near us to participate as a group, or each delegate can participate individually via their computer or device. Each congregation needs two and we need to know soon. Please consider, especially if you have never been to an assembly before and contact Pastor Lee at (785) 302-1923. Thank you.

EMMANUEL OFFICE SECRETARY

In order to help maintain her health and recovery, Janet Conn is retiring as the Emmanuel Office Secretary after much service and support of our congregation. Emmanuel's Council is in the process of updating a job description, but those who are interested are encouraged to contact Pastor Lee or any council member. Hours will vary depending on the week, but they will probably average about 10 to 15 hours a week. Most of the work that needs to be done does not have to be done within set office hours, so it should be easy to schedule around another job or fixed schedule.

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HELPFUL WEBSITES:

- Zion website: www.zionlutheranchurchofphillipsburg.org
- Emmanuel website: www.emmanuellutheranchurchofstuttgart.org
- Parish website: www.disciplesoftheplains.com
- Central States Synod: www.css-elca.org

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