

Year A

The Third Sunday in Lent

Service of Holy Communion



March 8, 2026

9:00 am

Zion Lutheran Church

Phillipsburg, KS

Introduction to the day

In today's gospel the Samaritan woman asks Jesus for water, an image of our thirst for God. Jesus offers living water, a sign of God's grace flowing from the waters of baptism. The early church used this gospel and those of the next two Sundays to deepen baptismal reflection during the final days of preparation before baptism at Easter. As we journey to the resurrection feast, Christ comes among us in word, bath, and meal—offering us the life-giving water of God's mercy and forgiveness.

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 & LBW – 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 – *Lamb of God; Your Only Son* (ELW #336)

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)

Refrain



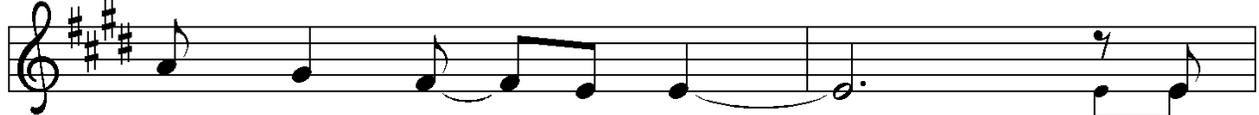
Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



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



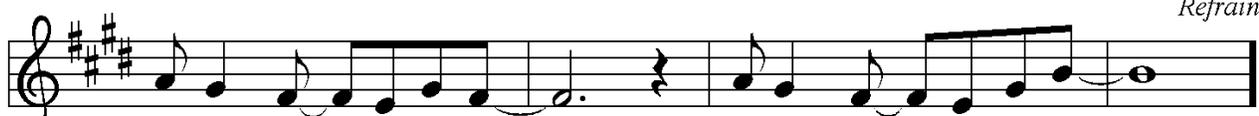
1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



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)*

Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through 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: Exodus 17:1-7

¹ From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ² The people quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.” Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?” ³ But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?” ⁴ So Moses cried out to the LORD, “What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” ⁵ The LORD said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. ⁶ I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷ He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 95

¹ Come, let us sing to the LORD;

let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

² **Let us come before God’s presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.**

³ For you, LORD, are a great God,
and a great ruler above all gods.

⁴ **In your hand are the caverns of the earth;
the heights of the hills are also yours.**

⁵ The sea is yours, for you made it,
and your hands have molded the dry land.
⁶ **Come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the LORD our maker.**
⁷ For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of
God's hand.
Oh, that today you would hear God's voice!
⁸ **“Harden not your hearts,
as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert.**
⁹ There your ancestors tested me,
they put me to the test, though they had seen my works.
¹⁰ **Forty years I loathed that generation, saying,
‘The heart of this people goes astray; they do not know my ways.’**
¹¹ Indeed I swore in my anger,
‘They shall never come to my rest.’”

SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-11

¹ Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³ And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.
⁷ Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸ But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹ Much more surely, therefore, since we have now been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰ For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹ But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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 4:5-42

The holy gospel according to John
Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵ [Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph.⁶ Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

⁷ A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink."⁸ (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.)⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.)¹⁰ Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."¹¹ The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?"¹² Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and

with his sons and his flocks drank from it?”¹³ Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again,¹⁴ but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.”¹⁵ The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.”

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come back.”¹⁷ The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband,’¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!”¹⁹ The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet.²⁰ Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.”²¹ Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.²³ But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him.²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”²⁵ The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.”²⁶ Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”

²⁷ Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?”²⁸ Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people,²⁹ “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?”³⁰ They left the city and were on their way to him.

³¹ Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.”³² But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.”³³ So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?”³⁴ Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work.³⁵ Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting.³⁶ The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together.³⁷ For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’³⁸ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

³⁹ Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.”⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans

came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹ And many more believed because of his word. ⁴² They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Assembly is invited to sit

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Glories of Your Name Are Spoken* (ELW #647)

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: Make Me a Channel of Your Peace (W&P #95)

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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EMMANUEL & ZION PRAYER LIST

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

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.

LESSER FESTIVALS AND COMMEMORATIONS THIS WEEK

Harriet Tubman, died 1913; Sojourner Truth, died 1883; renewers of society Tuesday, March 10, 2026

Harriet Tubman, born into slavery, helped about 300 others to escape slavery until the institution was abolished. Sojourner Truth, whose birth name was Isabella, was freed after slavery was abolished, and discerned a call to be a preacher. Taking the name Sojourner Truth, she set out on an evangelistic journey, where people found her testimony to be deeply moving.

Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome, died 604 Thursday, March 12, 2026

Born into wealth and power, Gregory was for a time the chief administrator of the city of Rome. Giving this up for a life in the church, he was elected pope in 590. He influenced public worship through the establishment of a lectionary and prayers to correlate with the readings. Gregorian chant is named in his honor.

ZION CALENDAR

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
- NO CONFIRMATION
- 7:00 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

- 5:00 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)

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

GERMAN WORSHIP SERVICE AND CELEBRATION

- Sunday, April 12 at 3:00 pm
- Trinity Lutheran Church – 2703 Fort Street, Hays, Kansas
- Service will include Holy Communion
- Potluck and time for fellowship after.
- Contact Pastor Brenda Roger for more information. (785) 445-9119

	ZION WORSHIP SERVERS		
	TODAY 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	Sunday (03/22/26) <i>Fifth Sunday in Lent</i> (Year A) At 9:00 am
Presiding Minister	Pastor Kathy	Pastor Lee	Pastor Lee
Lector /Reader	Christi Driggs	Christina Dettmer	Marci Rust
Acolyte	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer

Musicians	Jean Ann Wagner	Jean Ann Wagner	Jean Ann Wagner
Sound System / Media	Sue Kipp	Shellie Lare	Cesha Rust
Greeters	Doug & Leana Driggs	Brad & Shellie Lare	Melvin & Grace Grau
Ushers	Howard King	Janet McCall	Steven Rust
Altar Guild	Pat & Marci Rust	Pat & Marci Rust	Pat & Marci Rust

GIVING

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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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FIFTH SUNDAY WORSHIP & POTLUCK ON PALM SUNDAY

March 29, 2026, which is Passion (Palm) Sunday, is also a fifth Sunday when Zion and Emmanuel worship together. Worship will be at 10:30 am at Zion in Phillipsburg. We will have a combined potluck after worship. Bring whatever you want. If we get all desserts, we will just have to cope. 😊