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ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

STANDING STRONG + GROWING TOGETHER + REACHING OUT

The Fifth Sunday In Lent

March 21, 2021

AS WE GATHER

The Israelites repeatedly had broken the covenants God made with them, and yet in today's Old Testament Reading He promises a new covenant. This one, however, will not be based on the external Law of God; by pure grace, it will be written on the hearts of God's people. To do that, God sent His Son, who paid for all sin by offering Himself as both priest and sacrifice. Although we are all imperfect, knowing that we have been forgiven only by the grace of God, we have the desire to love one another. As we recall our Lord's Passion in the coming weeks, we will recognize that love means forgiving, giving oneself for others. Jesus puts it bluntly in the Gospel: The greatest in the kingdom of God is the one who serves all the others. And, of course, the greatest is our Lord Jesus, who loves us to death.

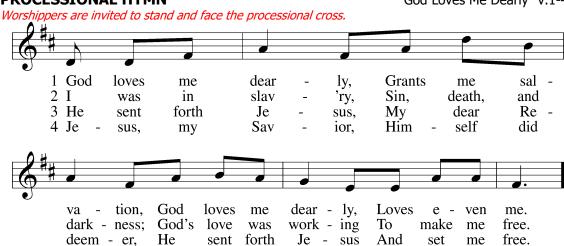


GATHERING MUSIC WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION TO WORSHIP

David Garcia, *organ* Pastor Stephen Heimer

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"God Loves Me Dearly" v.1-4 Lutheran Service Book 392







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INVOCATION AND BAPTISMAL REMEMBRANCE

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- ightharpoonup In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P The days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant.

- I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts.
- P And I will be their God,
- and they shall be My people.
- P Whoever would be great among you must be your servant,
- and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all.

CONFESSION OF SINS AND FORGIVENESS

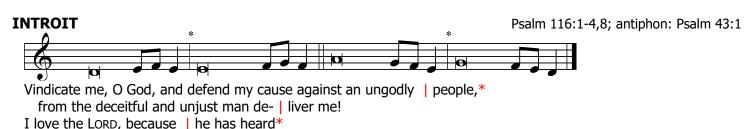
P Bearing our sins and in need of a Savior, let us go to our heavenly Father, asking for forgiveness.

Time for reflection on the word of God and for personal examination.

- P Most merciful, heavenly Father, You promised a covenant written on Your people's hearts.
- **B**ut we do not always rely on Your promises and great love. We are sorry.
- P Gracious Holy Spirit, through Your use of Word and Sacrament, many people know the Lord.
- **B**ut we have not taken advantage of every opportunity to share Your Word with others. We are sorry.
- P Jesus taught that the greatest in the Kingdom is the servant of all.
- But our hearts have not always been humble and eager for service. We are sorry.

 Our thoughts, words, and deeds fall short. As fallen sinners, we are helpless to change. For Jesus' sake, forgive us, and give us new and clean hearts to love You and serve our neighbors.
- P God promised in the new covenant, "I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more." In the sacrifice of Himself, Jesus, being perfect, "became the source of eternal salvation." As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +



my voice and my pleas for | mercy.

Because he inclined his | ear to me,*

therefore I will call on him as long | as I live.

The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid | hold on me;* I suffered distress and | anguish.

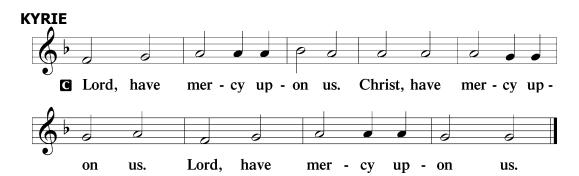
Then I called on the name | of the LORD:*
"O LORD, I pray, deliv- | er my soul!"
For you have delivered my | soul from death,*
my eyes from tears, my feet from | stumbling.

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as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.



SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- And with thy spirit.
- Let us pray. Heavenly Father, who has revealed to us Your great love in Christ our Savior and written Your covenant on our hearts,
- grant us such faith that our daily joy is in sharing Your love in what we think, say, and do;
- through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

(A new covenant is coming, written on people's hearts.)

Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹"Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, ³²not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

(Jesus was both one-time priest and sacrifice, dying for all.)

Hebrews 5:1-10

¹Every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ²He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. ³Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people. ⁴And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was. ⁵So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him,

"You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; ⁶as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek."

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. ⁸Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. ⁹And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, ¹⁰being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

(Jesus teaches about true greatness.)

Mark 10:32-45

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.



³²And they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them. And they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. And taking the twelve again, he began to tell them what was to happen to him, ³³saying, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles. ³⁴And they will mock him and spit on him, and flog him and kill him. And after three days he will rise." 35And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." ³⁶And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" ³⁷And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." 38 Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" ³⁹And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized, ⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." 41And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. ⁴²And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. ⁴³But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



SERMON "Great Service"

SERMON HYMN

"All For Christ I have Forsaken" LSB 753



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I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING

"Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy" by Janet Linker

David Garcia, organ

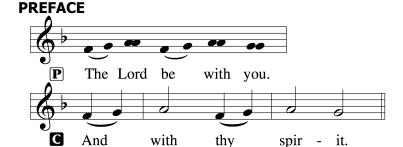
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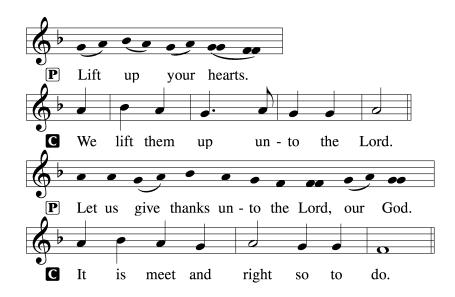
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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +





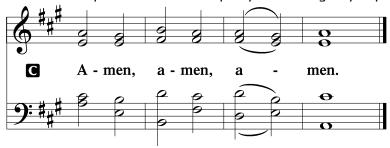
It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, for in wisdom, mercy, and love You sent Your Son into human flesh to die and rise on our behalf. Now Your great salvation may be proclaimed to all people in the preaching of Christ crucified, through whom with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:





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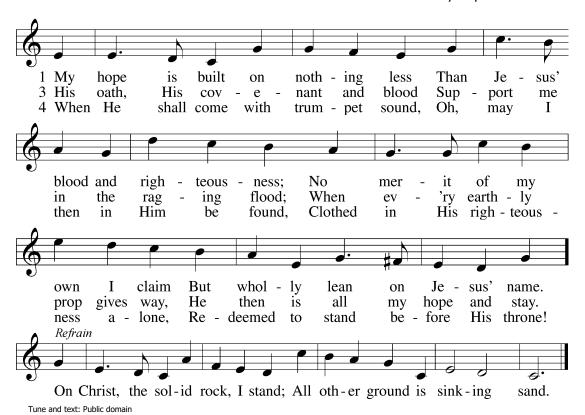
P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and → give you peace.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN

"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less" v.1,3-4 LSB 575



After the hymn, the Livestream comes to an end and the service of the sacrament continues. If you are unable to be present in the sanctuary due to health concerns but desire to receive the sacrament of the altar, Pastor Stephen and an elder will be available curbside on Birch St. at 12:15 and 1pm today that you might partake while remaining in your vehicle. Please send us a message via text to 915-345-8181 to let us know you are coming. As you wait curbside, pray aloud the prayers below in preparation for the sacrament:

Today we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Here our Heavenly Father promises anew His unconditional love, renews His pledge of forgiveness in Christ, and offers His Holy Spirit as strength for daily faith and life. If you are a visitor to Zion, we invite you in the Name of Jesus to commune with us. However, since God reminds us that thoughtless or faithless reception of the Sacrament can incur His judgment (1 Corinthians 11:27-32), the Scriptures call those who commune to personally examine themselves and in their communing publicly confess:

- + I am a baptized Christian and I trust in Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior.
- + I am a sinner in need of God's forgiveness.
- **⊥** I believe that Christ is truly present with His body and blood under the bread and wine offering me forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation.
- Through His grace and strength, I will live to God's glory, in ministry with His people, in mission to His world.

Children are invited to accompany parents to the altar for the blessing. We trust that your communion with Christ and His people will strengthen your faith, increase your love, and empower your witness to Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. If you have questions about your communing, please speak with the Pastor.



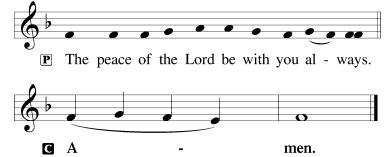
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We give thanks to You, heavenly Father, for in sending us Your Son to die and rise for us You not only gave us eternal salvation but revealed to us Your immeasurable love. Grant us Your Holy Spirit, Father, so that we might emulate our Savior's great love and service as we respond to Your grace and mercy. Strengthen us now through this Sacrament of His body and blood; grant that in true faith we receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation You so graciously bestow upon us here. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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DISTRIBUTION

If you will be receiving the Lord's Supper today, please wait as ushers guide each household forward. Remain standing and the pastor will serve you the sacrament in plastic cups. Take those cups with you as you return to your seat, placing them in one of the baskets located at either side of the sanctuary.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: 618 I COME, O SAVIOR, TO THY TABLE 1 I come. O Sav - ior, to Thy ta - ble, For weak and 2 Thy That sin - ners heart is filled with fer - vent yearn - ing 4 Wea - ry With sin Ι and heav - y lad - en; am my 5 What high - er gift can we in - her - it? It is faith's Thou, Bread wea is soul; of Life, ry my Who, Lord, Thee in may sal tion see to va _ ceive gra - cious soul is sore op pressed; Re me bond sol id It the strength of and base; is art a - ble lone To sat is - fy and make me whole: faith are turn - ing; So I, sin ner, come to Thee. a and glad - den My heart, for Ι am now Thy guest. heart and spir - it, The cov - e - nant hope and grace. of Refrain Lord, may Thy bod-y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high-est good! Tune: Public domain Text: © 1941 Concordia Publishing House. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110005077 **DISTRIBUTION HYMN: 973 THY WORD IS A LAMP** Refrain Thy Word is a lamp un-to my feet And a light un-to my path. 1 When I feel a - fraid, think I've lost my way, 2 I will not for - get Your love for me, and yet My Still You're there right be - side me. And for der heart ev er is wan ing. noth - ing will I fear as You are near. as long be my guide and hold me to Your side; And Je - sus, Refrain

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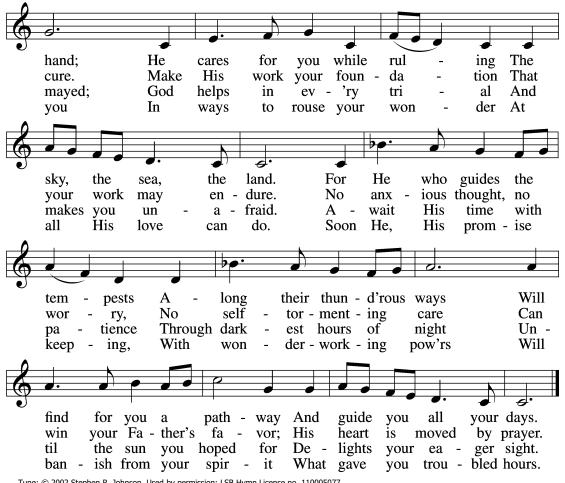
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- 2 Re ly find on God your Sav ior And your life
- 3 Take heart, have hope, my dis spir it, And do not be
- 4 Leave all His tion; His wis - dom rules for to di rec

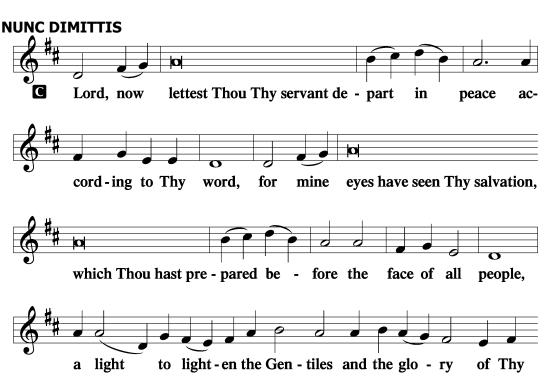
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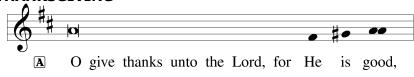


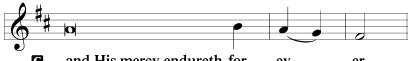


the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,



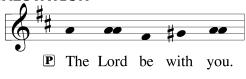
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- and His mercy endureth for er.
- Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift,
- and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another;
- through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- Amen. C

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BENEDICTION

- The grace of our Lord

 → Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- Amen.



POSTLUDE David Garcia, organ

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Donations via an app: If you prefer using your phone or tablet, you can download the Vanco Give Plus app. You can easily set up an account and donation through the app.

Your offerings and support are crucial to our congregation and we are very grateful for your support!

Lenten Food Collection for the Ysleta Lutheran Mission: LWML will be collecting non-perishable food items to assist YLM in their weekly food distribution during the Season of Lent. We are, once again, inviting the congregation to join us in this Lenten outreach project. Items may be placed in the designated location in the Auditorium or dropped off at the church office.

** Food items most needed right now are: small bags of rice, beans, and flour, as well as boxes of cereal.** Thanks, in advance, for your support of this project!

Zion's LWML will meet this coming Tuesday, March 23rd, on Zoom, at 1:30 p.m. Mariann Porter will present the Devotion and our upcoming April and Easter projects and activities will be discussed. The meeting Agenda and link to the Zoom meeting will be emailed to members on Monday, March 22nd. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting!

Holy Week and Easter. We are currently planning our worship services for Holy Week and Easter—March 28th through April 4th. These services include Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. **March 28: Palm Sunday** will feature fresh palm leaves in our worship service!

April 4: Easter Sunday will be a joyful day of celebration! We will have an **8:00am outdoor service**, **followed by neighborhood flower distribution**, **Easter breakfast**, **and a 10:30am indoor worship service and livestream**. Communion will be served at both the indoor and outdoor Easter service.

Sponsor an Easter Lily! You can honor a loved one, event, or anything else you would like by sponsoring a lily this Easter! We will include all sponsors in the Easter Sunday bulletin. **Each lily will cost \$10.** If you attend church in person, we can provide you with an envelope for your Easter lily offering. Otherwise, Easter lily offerings can be mailed to the church or sent online. You can also call the church office to provide us with the message you would like in the bulletin. **You will be able to take your lilies home after the service on Easter Sunday, April 4th!**

ZION STEWARDSHIP OF + TIME + TALENT + TREASURE

Preacher & Celebrant: Pastor Stephen Heimer

Organist: David Garcia
Elder: Jim Smith
Reader: Mariann Porter

Acolyte: Gabryelle Rodriguez, Victoria Ochoa

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Altar Guild: Sharon Amastae

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THIS WEEK AT ZION

3/22	Monday	7:00 PM	Berea Bible Study
3/23	Tuesday	1:30 PM	LWML Meeting
	-	5:30 PM	Confirmation Class
3/24	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Lenten Prayer Service: "Bold Deal"
3/25	Thursday	6:30 PM	Elders' Meeting
3/26	Friday	10:00 AM	Women's Bible Study
3/28	Sunday	9:15 AM	"Exodus" Bible Study
•	•	10:30 AM	Palm Sunday Worship Service

