

Zion Lutheran Church

FOURTH SUNDAY IN
LENT

March 11th, 2018
Fourth Sunday in Lent

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Elsie DallaPizaa in Memory of grandparents Andy & Julia Wagner.

ETERNAL LIGHT is given by Elsie DallaPiazza in Memory of Richard O'Donnell.

THIS WEEK'S FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE...is from **PASTOR GRIMENSTEIN**. Romans 6:5 ESV "For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His."

HELP WANTED...The *Pittsburgh Lutheran* has an immediate need for a volunteer to work on layout. The job entails putting together articles and pictures into a cohesive newsletter format each month. This job involves 4-6 hours a month, and all work can be done from the comfort of your home. Communication sharing of articles is done via email. Please contact Mary Lou Rilee, Christine Chilcott or Nancy Koester with any questions or email Pittsburgh.lutheran.editor@gmail.com.

YOUTH GROUP GAME NIGHT will be on Friday March 23rd 5:30pm-9:00pm. There will be pizza, games and fellowship. Bring a friend and your favorite game!

LESSON FIVE TAKEAWAYS from Women's Bible Study on Forgiveness: 1.) The false assumption that God grades sin on a curve leads believers to attempt to offset their sins with good deeds. 2.) **Allow** space for repentance. 3.) **Forgive** if they repent. 4.) **Repeat** as long as that cycle continues. 3.) We do not want to degrade our Lord's sacrifice by withholding the forgiveness He died to give.

WELCOME CENTER! Are you a guest or visitor looking for information about Zion? Hello and welcome to Zion! Stop by the table in the foyer after the service and we'll try to help.

CHURCH NURSERY: Is available for kids age 0-2 during the 10:30 Service! The Nursery ("Little Lions") is in the lower level of the building. (If you need help locating the nursery, please ask an Usher or Greeter for assistance.)

NEED PRAYER? Stephen Ministers and Elders will be available to pray with or for you following the Service in the Chancel area.

TODAY'S GOSPEL READING AND SERMON will be posted to the ZLCB.org website later today. For an archive of older sermons, visit www.zlcb.org/sermons

P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You 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; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

P The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom | shall I fear?*

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I | be afraid?

C **Though an army encamp against me, my heart | shall not fear;***
though war arise against me, yet I will be | confident.

One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek | after:*

that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days | of my life,

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of | trouble;*

he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high up- | on a rock.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

P The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom | shall I fear?*

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I | be afraid?

Kyrie



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



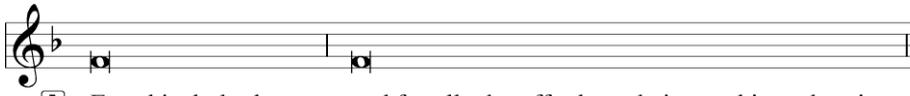
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading – Numbers 21: 4-9

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. And the people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food." Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. And the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live." So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle – Ephesians 2:1-10

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Verse for Lent



C Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra - cious and



mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in



stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

Holy Gospel

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

[Jesus said:] "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their deeds were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his deeds have been carried out in God."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sermon Hymn - God Loved the World So That He Gave

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Sermon

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

P ...Let us pray to the Lord

C Lord have mercy.

Offering

If you are visiting with us this morning, know that your presence here means far more to us than any gift of money you could make; please do not hesitate to let the plate pass you by. Please stop by the welcome desk on your way out of church this morning.

Offertory: 8:00am - Children's Choir – Lamb of God

10:30am – Faith Ringers (Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent)

Offertory



C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to



me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the



courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface



P The Lord be with you.



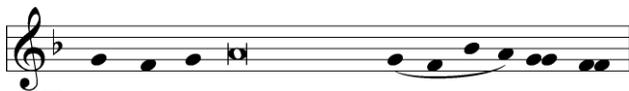
C And al - so with you.



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 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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. 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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** **Amen.**

The Words of Our Lord

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

- C** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

- P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion,

Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

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.

Pax Domini



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei



C 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.

Sharing of Peace

Distribution

We welcome to the Lord's Table all who have been baptized in the name of the Triune God, can examine themselves spiritually and believe they receive the true body and blood of the Lord Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins and as a profession of their faith. If you hold a profession of faith that differs from that of our congregation, please speak to the Pastor before the start of the service before communing.

We believe the body and blood of Christ are truly present in the bread and wine.

We believe Christ offers the forgiveness of sins in the Lord's Supper, but that the Lord's Supper is not necessary for salvation.

We believe the Lord's Supper remembers the death of Christ and proclaims his death until he returns.

We believe the Lord's Supper is a statement of unity in the body of Christ; we do not believe it creates that unity.

During the distribution, you are encouraged to sing the Distribution Hymns, pray, or meditate on the words "this is my body... this is my blood, given for you."

The cups at the center of the Individual Communion tray contain diluted wine for those with alcohol sensitivities.

Distribution Hymns

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus	#685
Have No Fear, Little Flock	#735
For Me to Live is Jesus	#742

Nunc Dimittis



C Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful-



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have pre-



pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -



veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el.



Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

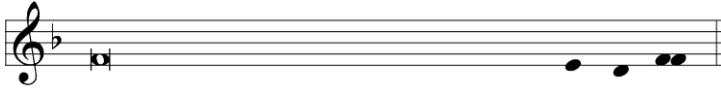
Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction



P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.



C A - - men.

Closing Hymn- Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

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Prayer Request for Family & Friends

The Church:

-**For our homebound members:** Tom Bicusky, Ruth Miller, George and Florence Boehme, Lois & Henry Dittmer, Norm and Helen Erbrecht, Irene Bourg, and Don Jones.

-**Healing for:** Janet Hickey, Jack Oelschlager, Florence Boehme, Gloria Godfrey, Marian Siek, Sarah & Michael Erbrecht, Gladys Cimarolli, Joyce Wood, Cletus Kroeger, Ruth Miller, Nancy Spotti, Aly Mance, Deana Thielet, Bill Koester, Nancy Koester, Dave Hutula, Ryan McCaffrey, Mary Lou Neill.

-For our missionaries, especially Pastor Wokoma.

-For all who care for loved ones with illnesses.

-For the ministry of Zion Lutheran Preschool.

The World:

-For an end to abortion and human trafficking.

-For the youth in our community.

Our Nation:

-For our leaders and government officials.

-For those in foster care and those looking to adopt.

-For the disabled, unborn and aged.

-For those whose work it is to protect us.

-For those affected by the recent hurricanes.

- For godly care of the earth.

† *Service Participants* †

Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Edward Grimenstein
Music Director:	Mark Killinger
The Organist:	Sandra Quinlan
The Elders:	Mike Kroeger
The Acolyte:	Alex Yellig (8:00) Anna Gresh (10:30)
The Greeters:	Brent & Marianne Miler & Millie Thielet (8:00) Nancy & Bill Koester (10:30)
The Ushers:	Bob Schmidt, Megan Pasquini Wayne & Barb Oechslein (8:00) John & Kari Gresh Dwight & Andy Weldon (10:30)
Altar Guild:	Janet & Marian Oelschlager
Nursery:	Brittany Dill & Susie Bishop

Last Week in Worship

Sunday Worship Attendance (3/4) – 204

Wednesday Attendance (3/7) – 74

Wednesday Offering (2/28) - \$214.00

Sunday Offering (3/4) - \$3,386.00

Online Offering (2/26-3/2) - \$1,304.00

~Online giving is now available by going to the Zion web site: www.zlcb.org~

March 11th – March 18th

<p>SUNDAY 3/11 FOOD BANK COLLECTION</p>	<p>8:00 AM – Worship w/ Communion 9:15 AM – Sunday School & Adult Bible' Study 10:30 AM – Worship w/ Communion</p>
<p>MONDAY 3/12</p>	<p>6:00 PM – First Year Confirmation 7:00 PM – Second Year Confirmation</p>
<p>TUESDAY 3/13</p>	<p>6:15 PM – Grace Bell Choir 7:15 PM – Adult Choir 7:15 PM – Women's Bible Study 8:00 PM – Faith Bell Choir</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY 3/14</p>	<p>6:00 PM – New Member Class 6:00 PM – Lenten Dinner 7:00 PM – Lenten Service</p>
<p>THURSDAY 3/15</p>	<p>10:00 AM – Bible Study</p>
<p>FRIDAY 3/16</p>	
<p>SATURDAY 3/17</p>	<p>8:00 AM – Men's Bible Breakfast</p>
<p>SUNDAY 3/18</p>	<p>8:00 AM – Worship w/ Communion 9:15 AM – Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM – Worship w/ Communion</p>

LIFE'S STORMS HAPPEN.... AND AT SHIPWRECKED VBS, KIDS LEARN THAT JESUS RESCUES US.

OUR ADVENTURE IS JUNE 25TH – 29TH FROM 9AM – NOON. WE NEED LOTS OF VOLUNTEERS WHO WILL GIVE THEIR TIME, TALENTS AND LOVE TO KIDS AND THEIR FAMILY & FRIENDS.

LEADERSHIP: WHAT COULD BE MORE FUN THAN LEADING GAMES WITH KIDS OR ACTING GOOFY IN A SKIT OR SNAPPING FUN PHOTOS? PLEASE CONSIDER YOUR INVOLVEMENT IN ONE OF THESE ROLES.

CREWS: KIDS ROTATE FROM STATION TO STATION WITH CREW LEADERS AND HELPERS. NO PREPARATION IS NECESSARY!

NURSERY: LITTLE ONES CAN LEARN ABOUT JESUS TOO! PLEASE CONSIDER HELPING IN THIS AREA.

CREW LEADER & HELPER 45 MIN. MEETING: MONDAY, JUNE 11TH AT 7:00 PM

WE BELIEVE THAT GOD WILL USE THIS PROGRAM TO REACH MANY CHILDREN WITH THE GOSPEL, SO PLEASE PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER YOUR ROLE IN VBS. TO VOLUNTEER, SIMPLY FILL OUT THIS FORM AND PLACE IN THE BOX LABELED SHIPWRECKED VBS IN THE SCHOOL LOBBY.

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2018 SHIPWRECKED VBS VOLUNTEER FORM

_____ YES! I WANT TO VOLUNTEER! CHECK YOUR AREAS OF INTEREST:

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> SHIP REC GAMES LEADER (ZION MEMBER ONLY) | <input type="checkbox"/> NURSERY HELPER |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OPENING & CLOSING SKITS (ZION MEMBER ONLY) | <input type="checkbox"/> CREW LEADER |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PHOTOGRAPHER | <input type="checkbox"/> CREW HELPER |

YOUR NAME _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

PHONE # _____ CELL # _____

T-SHIRT SIZE _____ I ALREADY OWN A GREY ZION T-SHIRT

**** PLEASE SUBMIT SECURITY CLEARANCES TO ZION'S SECRETARY AT**

SECRETARY@ZLCB.ORG.

