



ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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March 3, 2024 ✚ The Third Sunday in Lent

Welcome to Week Three in The Parables of Lent series of services, which is based on the parable of the Good Samaritan. In this parable, a man beaten on the road gets help from an unlikely traveler. The service includes readings from Scripture, a children's sermon, a sermon and thematic hymns that help us to remember that we who are often beaten down along the road of life encounter the healing of Christ through the cross.

✚ GATHERING ✚

Prelude

(The prelude is a call to silent, personal preparation for worship.)

Welcome

Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church in Albion! We offer a warm welcome to all who are worshipping in person or by way of Vyve Cable Channel 21 and Facebook Live. We hope that you encounter a word of God's grace and love in this worship service.

Holy Communion will be celebrated today. At the table of our Lord Jesus Christ, God nourishes faith, forgives sin, and calls us to be witnesses to the Gospel. All who are baptized and believe in the real presence of Christ are welcome to share in the Lord's meal. Holy Communion will be distributed in person or by pre-packaged elements. If you are uncomfortable coming forward, please pick up the communion elements as you enter worship. We will partake of the sacrament as directed by the pastor within the worship service. If you have any questions or concerns, please speak with an usher. Gluten Free wafers are available on request.

THE PARABLES
OF LENT

THIRD SUNDAY **IN** LENT

Confession & Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

In this holy season the Son of God humbles himself
so that we receive mercy.

**Humble me once again, O God,
that my life would be pleasing and acceptable to you.**

In this holy season the Son of God
demonstrates that he is the most perfect neighbor to us
by serving us with his very life.

**Live through me, O God,
that I would be a neighbor when I encounter anyone in need.**

In this holy season the Son of God enters into his Passion and death
so that we are exalted.

**Grant me your grace, O God,
that my faith in Jesus would be pleasing and acceptable to you.**

Too often we fail to be a neighbor to those who most need us.
Let us confess the sins of our hearts and lives to our Lord
who hears and forgives:

(Silence is kept for self-reflection and confession.)

Most merciful God,
**we confess that our very nature is sinful.
We do not love you with all our heart, soul, mind and strength.
We do not love our neighbors as ourselves.
Far too often when we see those in need
we pass by on the other side.
Our thoughts focus only on ourselves,
and we fail to love and serve as you have called us.
By our selfishness we have sinned against you
and against others in thought, word and deed.
Forgive us, most holy God.**

The Lord Jesus came into this world
to be a holy neighbor for all of humankind.
His perfect life, crushing crucifixion and glorious resurrection
mean complete forgiveness for the sins of our hearts and lives.
Because he was beaten and left for dead on the cross,
all of your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father
and of the **+** Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Gathering Song

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

#708

Refrain



Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show
us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.



1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their feet,
2 Neigh - bors are wealth - y and poor, var - ied in col - or and race,
3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;
4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their feet:

Refrain



mas - ter who acts as a slave to them,
neigh - bors are near - by and far a - way.
all these are neigh - bors to us and you.
this is the way we will live with you.

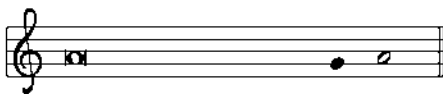
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Apostolic Greeting

The grace and mercy of God, who in Christ bears our burdens
and saves us from sin, be with you all.
And also with you.

Kyrie

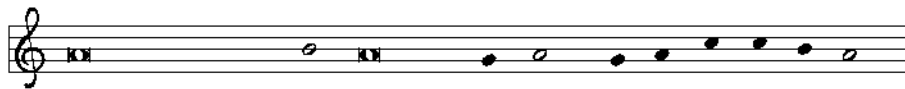
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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



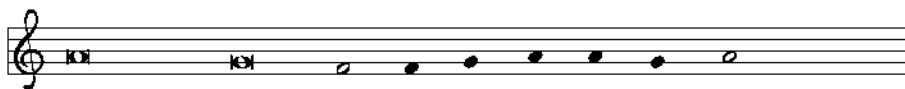
For the peace from a-hove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



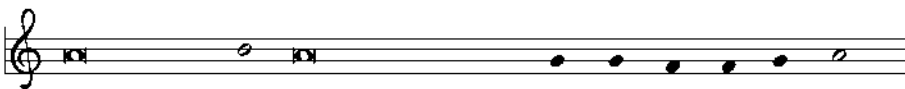
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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



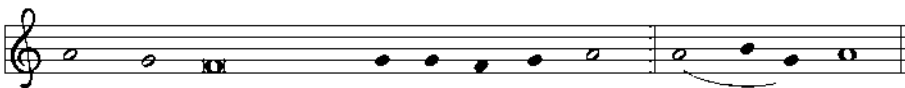
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray...

Heavenly Father,

when we were beaten and left for dead by our enemy the devil,

**you rescued us through the mercy of your only Son.
Enable us to be a compassionate neighbor to others
by showing love, mercy and forgiveness
in the same way we have been shown love, mercy and forgiveness.
Amen.**

✠ WORD ✠

First Reading

Leviticus 19:13-18

A reading from Leviticus.

¹³You shall not defraud your neighbor; you shall not steal;
and you shall not keep for yourself
the wages of a laborer until morning.

¹⁴You shall not revile the deaf
or put a stumbling block before the blind;
you shall fear your God: I am the LORD.

¹⁵You shall not render an unjust judgment;
you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great:
with justice you shall judge your neighbor.

¹⁶You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people,
and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor:
I am the LORD.

¹⁷You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin;
you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself.

¹⁸You shall not take vengeance
or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall
love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

Romans 13:8-10

A reading from Romans.

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love one another;
for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.

⁹The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery;
You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet";
and any other commandment, are summed up in this word,
"Love your neighbor as yourself."

¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor;
therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Lenten Verse

ELW setting 4



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.

Holy Gospel

Luke 10:25-37

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 10th Chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁵Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" ²⁷He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." ²⁸And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

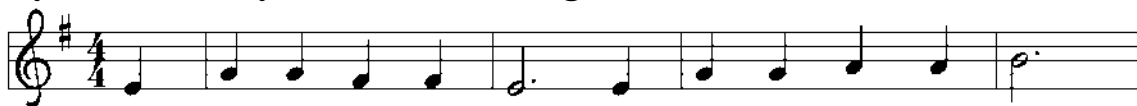
²⁹But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" ³⁰Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³²So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. ³⁴He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took

care of him. ³⁵The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' ³⁶Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" ³⁷He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Time Sermon

Hymn of the Day *Christ's Kingdom is Made Known* (Tune: #599)



1 We list - en as the Word like scat - tered seed is sown,
2 The stran - ger's need was known, and which one of the three
3 In ev' - ry time of need, be - fore the judg - ment throne,



For as each par - a - ble is heard Christ's king - dom is made known.
Had mer - cy and so he a - lone a neigh - bor proved to be?
Your work, O Lamb of God, I'll plead, your mer - its, not my own.

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Apostle's Creed

Living together in trust and hope, let us confess our faith...

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

P Led by Christ in our journey of repentance
and moved by his compassion, let us pray for the church,
those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

A God, who is the perfect neighbor,
forgive us for the times we fail to help those in need,
whether in body, soul or spirit.
Make us ever better neighbors to our family, friends and co-workers,
that they would see Jesus in and through us.
Perfect Neighbor to those in need, **show us your mercy.**

P God, who is the perfect neighbor,
work through all the leaders of this world
that they would show neighborliness
to those they serve and those they lead.
Transform rulers into neighbors,
that they would provide for all in need
and keep our world a place of peace.
Perfect Neighbor to those in need, **show us your mercy.**

A God, who is the perfect neighbor, make your Church
the place where people grow in their ability to be neighbors
not only to one another but also to those
who have not yet come to faith, or who have fallen away.
Use your Church to serve “the least of these.”
Perfect Neighbor to those in need, **show us your mercy.**

P God, who is the perfect neighbor, as the Good Samaritan saw to it that a helpless victim was brought health and healing, please use your healing power to help and heal those amongst us who are ill, weak or in need of strength, *especially...*
Perfect Neighbor to those in need, **show us your mercy.**

A God, who is the perfect neighbor, we remember before you all who have gone before us in the faith, who in their earthly lives demonstrated love to their neighbors and helped and served those in need.
Help us to follow after their pattern and example until the day when we meet you, our perfect neighbor, face to face in your new and holy kingdom.
Perfect Neighbor to those in need, **show us your mercy.**

P Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

Peace

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

✠ OFFERING ✠

Offering Response

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

#742



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged—take it to the Lord in prayer.
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge—take it to the Lord in prayer.

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Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need-less pain we bear—
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - row share?
 Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
 Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness—take it to the Lord in prayer.
 In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.

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✚ MEAL ✚

Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

Proper Preface

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:

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy

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.

Eucharistic Prayer & Words of Institution

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.

Come, Holy Spirit.

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

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

**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.**

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God

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.

Distribution with silence for meditation

If you are joining us from home or are taking communion from your seat:

The body of Christ, given for you. Amen.

The blood of Christ, shed for you. Amen.

Table Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and preserve you unto eternal life. **Amen.**

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray... *(A brief silence is kept.)*

Merciful God,

accompany our journey through these forty days.

Renew us in the gift of baptism, that we may

provide for those who are poor, pray for those in need,

fast from self-indulgence, and above all

that we may find our treasure in the life of your Son,

Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

✠ SENDING ✠

Announcements

Benediction

You have received the mercy of God,

who is Christ gave his life to save you. Receive now his blessing:

The God who has made himself the perfect neighbor

by entering this world to be our Savior,

grant you grace, peace and strength in your service to others.

Amen.

Sending Song

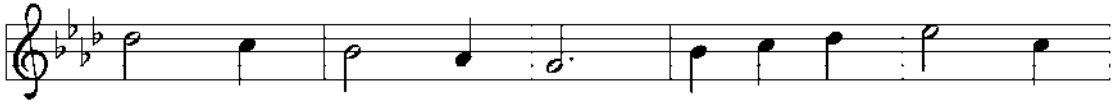
O God of Mercy, God of Light

#714



1 O God of mer - cy, God of light, in love and
2 You sent your Son to die for all, that our lost
3 Teach us the les - son Je - sus taught: to feel for
4 For all are kin - dred, far and wide, since Je - sus

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mer - cy in - fi - nite, teach us, as ev - er
 world might hear your call; oh, hear us lest we
 those his blood has bought, that ev - 'ry deed and
 Christ for all has died; grant us the will, and



in your sight, to live our lives in you.
 stray and fall! We rest our hope in you.
 word and thought may work a work for you.
 grace pro - vide, to love them all in you.

5 In sickness, sorrow, want, or care,
 may we each other's burdens share;
 may we, where help is needed, there
 give help as though to you.

6 And may your Holy Spirit move
 all those who live to live in love,
 till you receive in heav'n above
 all those who live in you.

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Dismissal

Having received God's mercy, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Amen. Thanks be to God.



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Parable of the Good Samaritan

" 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' " Luke 10:27

Based on Luke 10:25-37



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