

Second Sunday In Lent

March 1st 2026 8:00am & 9:30am



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Pray



Bless

Preparation For Worship: The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore. *Psalm 121:8*

Opening Song

Here I Am To Worship

Light of the world, you stepped down into darkness,
Opened my eyes, let me see.
Beauty that made this heart adore You, hope of a life spent with You.
So, here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that You're my God.
And You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, oh so highly exalted,
Glorious in heaven above. Humbly You came to the earth You created,
All for love's sake became poor.
So, here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that You're my God.
And You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me.

And I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross
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Ministry Spotlight

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Invocation

Pastor: We gather today in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: We remember in Lent that because of sin entering the world, we are dust, and to dust we shall return. *Genesis 3*

**People: But Jesus loved us so much that He has become the way for us, that we may not perish, but have eternal life.
God is good!**

Pastor: All the time!

People: All the time!

Pastor: God is good!

People: Like spring after winter is the faithful renewal of Jesus' love.

Confession and Absolution

Pastor: As David wrote in Psalm 32 "Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the one against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

People: When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer."

Pastor: *Selah*

**People: I acknowledged my sin to You,
And my iniquity I have not hidden.
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"
And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Pastor: *Selah* (Take time to confess and receive forgiveness)
For this cause everyone who is godly shall pray to You
In a time when You may be found;
Surely in a flood of great waters
They shall not come near them.

**People: You are my hiding place;
You shall preserve me from trouble;
You shall surround me with songs of deliverance.**

Pastor: *Selah*

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;
I will guide you with My eye.
Do not be like the horse or like the mule,
Which have no understanding,

**People: Which must be harnessed with bit and bridle,
Else they will not come near you.
Many sorrows shall be to the wicked;
But those who trust in the LORD, mercy shall surround them.**

**Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, you righteous;
And shout for joy, all you upright in heart!**

Pastor: Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, has had mercy on us, and has given His only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. As a called servant of Jesus our Christ, and by His authority, I announce God's grace to all of you, and the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. To all who believe on His Name, He gives power to become children of God, and gives His Holy Spirit. Those who believe and are baptized shall be saved. Grant this, O Lord, unto us all.

People: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Daily Text

Be very careful, therefore, to love the Lord your God. *Joshua 23:11*

For the love of God is this, that we obey His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome. *1 John 5:3*

Let us pray:

People: You have commanded us, Lord, to love You. You lead us to love others and all the world You have created. Liberate me by Your love to do acts of kindness. I want to be compassionate and understanding to the people You bring to me. Let Your healing ways soothe the fever of my anger. Help me, Lord. Amen.

Scripture Lessons *Read*

First Lesson

Genesis 12:1-4a

¹ Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ² And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." ^{4a} So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him.

The Psalm

Psalm 121

¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? ² My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. ³ He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. ⁴ Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. ⁵ The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade on your right hand. ⁶ The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. ⁷ The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. ⁸ The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.

Second Lesson

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

¹ What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? ² For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³ For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness." ⁴ Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as

his due. ⁵ And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, ¹³ For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴ For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵ For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression. ¹⁶ That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, ¹⁷ as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Reader: Please rise as you are able for the reading of the Gospel. God has given us Good News.

People: Return to the Lord, your God. For He is gracious and merciful. Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and abounding in steadfast love.

Gospel Lesson

John 3:1-17

¹ Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ² This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” ³ Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?” ⁵ Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶ That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ ⁸ The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” ⁹ Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹ Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. ¹² If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶ “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ 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.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

People: 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 Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sermon Song

Great Are You Lord

**You give life, You are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope, You restore
Every heart that is broken
And great are You Lord
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise
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**And all the earth will shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing
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Sermon/Watchword *Talk --- New, Knew, Next*

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For God So Loved The World That He Gave His Only Son,
So That Everyone Who Believes In Him May Not Perish But May Have Eternal Life.

Prayers of the Church *Pray*

The congregation is invited to join in prayers that include whole Church, the nation, those in need, the parish, additional petitions and special concerns.

Pastor: Let's join together to pray with Jesus for all that He loves right here, and to the ends of the earth. Father, our Father in heaven, You are the present active, Creator, and Redeemer of our heart, soul, mind and body.

People: **Thank You Lord, that in You we are made a part of Your great salvation of all that You have created. You have made us Your redeemed children. We join today with all those throughout the world who follow You, and pray that Your kingdom would come, and Your will would be done among us as it is in heaven.**

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude with these words...

Pastor: You are our God, and we are Your people... Thank You that You hear our prayers, and work in all things for the good of those who love You. To You be all glory, honor, and praise.

People: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Pastor: Lord, remembering Your love and Your life we pray as You taught us to pray:

People: 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

Benediction *Bless*

Pastor: Now, may the Lord bless you and keep you.
May He make His face shine on you, and be gracious unto you.
May the Lord look upon you with favor, and give you His peace.
Shalom. Shalom.

People: Amen.

Blessing: Child of God, may the Light of the World Himself shine brighter and brighter upon and within you so that you might always walk in the abundant life that Jesus came to give.

Pastor: Our worship continues,

People: our service begins!

Closing Song

Who You Say I Am

Who am I that the highest King
Would welcome me
I was lost but He brought me in
Oh His love for me - Oh His love for me

Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God - Yes I am

Free at last
He has ransomed me
His grace runs deep
While I was a slave to sin
Jesus died for me - Yes He died for me

Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God - Yes I am

In my Father's house
There's a place for me
I'm a child of God - Yes I am

I am chosen not forsaken
I am who You say I am
You are for me not against me
I am who You say I am

I am chosen not forsaken
I am who You say I am
You are for me not against me
I am who You say I am
(Oh) I am who You say I am

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SHARING OF PEACE AS WE GO IN GOD'S PEACE

Welcome To Worship At Zion. We are pleased to have you join us. *If you are a visitor* please check the shelf outside the office for our newsletter and brochure.

Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God.

This year for Easter gifts will be accepted for the LCMC Lutheran Disaster Assistance Fund. You may donate in honor or in memory of loved ones. Use the Mission Envelope for your gift and for the information you would like listed on Resurrection Sunday.

The Mission of the Month for March is the Heart of the Father - Haiti. You may also use Mission of the Month envelopes to support this mission.

The March Newsletter is available on the tables across from the Chapel and Lounge, on the shelf outside the church office and also on the desk in the library. *Please remember: We no longer have a way to find out if you have moved. Call the church office with new addresses and/or phone numbers.*

Bible Study at Zion

Monday	1:00pm	Bible Study
Wednesday	6:00pm	G.I.F.T. Bible Studies

Worship at Zion

Saturday	5:00pm	Chapel Prayer
Sunday	8:00am	Worship
	9:30am	G.I.F.T. Worship
	11:30am	Swahili-English Worship

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