



FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 9, 2024

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod
Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 9, 2024

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WELCOME to all who are worshiping with us. If you are a guest, please sign the guest book, including your home address and congregation. We welcome to our altar all those who share our confession of faith within the fellowship of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod.



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| THE OPENING HYMN: | "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" | Hymn # 702 |
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| THE PSALM | (chanted responsively by whole verse) | Psalm 107:1-9 |
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| THE HOLY GOSPEL | | |
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| THE CLOSING HYMN: | "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" | Hymn # 426 |



The offering plate is on the table in the narthex. Thank you for your continued contributions.

COLLECT OF THE DAY - 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.

IN OUR PRAYERS, we remember Starr Barke, Kristin Bosteels, Vic Bosteels, Katie Jones, Rick Salz, Bill Simmons, Andy Volker, Cindy Volker, and Ken Welch.

THIS WEEK AT ZION AND ST. PAUL'S:

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| TODAY (SATURDAY) | Zion Sunday School | 3:45PM |
| | Zion Service with Holy Communion | 5:00PM |
| SUNDAY | St. Paul's Service with Holy Communion | 8:30AM |
| | St. Paul's Sunday School and Bible class | 9:45AM |
| MONDAY | Zion Bible class | 9:00AM |
| SATURDAY | Zion Sunday School | 3:45PM |
| | Zion Service with Holy Communion | 5:00PM |
| SUNDAY | St. Paul's Service with Holy Communion | 8:30AM |
| | St. Paul's Sunday School and Bible class | 9:45AM |

ATTENDANCE last week: 24 Holy Communion: 23 Offering: \$2,052 Building Fund: \$70
 Sunday School: 2 Sunday School Offering: \$6
 Bible class: 5
(Zion needs about \$1,157 in weekly offerings to cover expenses)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

We will be getting lilies to adorn the church for Easter. If you wish to help by donating one or more, please sign up in the narthex. The cost is \$7 per plant; please pay Ladies Aid treasurer Jan Hoge. If you pay by check, make it payable to Zion Lutheran Church.

Please pick up a copy of the April-June issue of "Portals of Prayer," available in the narthex today.

Lent Midweek Service will be held again this Wednesday, March 13, at 12pm here at Zion.

The Ladies Aid will hold a garage sale and food stand at Zion during the Wenona spring garage sales on May 3-4. If you have items that you could donate for the sale, please bring them to church any time after April 6.

Numbers 21:4-9

⁴ 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. ⁵ 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." ⁶ Then the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. ⁷ 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. ⁸ 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." ⁹ 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.

Ephesians 2:1-10

¹ And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ² 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— ³ 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. ⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ— by grace you have been saved— ⁶ and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the

heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷ so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

John 3:14-21

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. ¹⁸ 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. ¹⁹ And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. ²⁰ For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. ²¹ But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God."