

ZION Lutheran Church

MARCH 13, 2024

WELCOME



*Caring for others,
the more able and the less able to care for each other.*

PRELUDE

INVOCATION & CONFESSION

Pastor: In the name of the Father,

People: **Who lives in us;**

Pastor: and of the Son,

People: **Who lives in us;**

Pastor: and of the Holy Spirit,

People: **Who lives in us; Amen! Amen!**

Pastor: The wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Seeing death all around us, we humbly realize our own sinfulness, and we know that we are doomed to death apart from Jesus. Humbly, we go before our heavenly Father, confessing our sin and imploring his mercy and grace on account of his Son.

People: **Heavenly Father, in guilt and shame I come to you. I have not loved you with my whole heart, nor have I loved my neighbor as myself. I have sinned in my thoughts, words, and actions, by what I have done and what I have failed to do. I am dead. Forgive my sins and revive my spirit that I may trust in you and rely on you forevermore.**

Pastor: Because Jesus suffered and died, death has been put to death forever. Because Jesus rose from death and is alive, you shall live forever! Your sin has been atoned for! Christ's love is alive in you! In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen! Amen!**

HYMN #815 — *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray together the Prayer of the Day.

People: **Heavenly Father, because your Son lives, your love lives. We rejoice in your living love which brings us to life and keeps us alive for all eternity. Give us grace to remember that we will not die but live and will proclaim what you have done in the assembly of the righteous with all the other saints. For you live and reign with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.**

WORD

This Holy Gospel , according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

John 12:20-33

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say — ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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

HYMN #325 — *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*

SERMON — *Rev. Ralph Hankermeyer*

PRAYERS

Pastor: Living Lord, as we are deep in the middle of this season of Lent, keep us full of your living love so that we may not grow weary by the changes and chances of this world, but that our lives may be full of that love and may have the endurance, courage, and strength to bring it to others. Lord, in your living love,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Living Lord, you brought life and immortality to light. Remind us that you are alive, and because you live, we shall live also. As Satan tempts us to take our eyes off the eternal life that is before us, and onto the death caused by sin, turn us back around so that we may hold fast to the living love of our living Lord, Jesus. Lord, in your living love,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

(over)

Pastor: Living Lord, as there are many who desire your healing hand in physical, emotional, and even spiritual ways; we ask that you would bring your living love to bear on their lives that they may be strengthened for whatever your will is, and that their faith would grow even as they wait upon your healing. Lord, in your living love,

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your enriching love, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

THE OFFERING

LORD'S PRAYER *(Traditional)*

Pastor: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach 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.

SENDING

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord fill you with his enriching love and give you peace.

People: Amen.

HYMN #759 — *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace. Share the bread.

People: Thanks be to God.



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