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TRADITIONAL SERVICE  
FEBRUARY 25/26 2023  
1ST SUNDAY IN LENT

## Welcome to Worship

We are delighted that you are worshipping with us at Zion! God is here for you. If you are a visitor please stop at the Welcome Desk in the lower level for a visitor bag.

For more information contact us at [www.zionanoka.org](http://www.zionanoka.org).

### PREACHING:

Pastor Mike Rueckert

### ASSISTING

8 AM Pr Connie Tiede  
9 AM Pr Brent Campbell  
11 AM Pr Sue Wallager

### READER:

5 PM Greg Bergeron  
8 AM Marlene Gray  
9 AM Bob Fischer  
11 AM Steve Dussl

### ORGANISTS:

5 PM, 9AM & 11 AM Shari Albrecht      8 AM Deb Oas Koepsell

PRELUDE (5 PM, 9 & 11 AM): "Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty" .....arr. Lynn Trapp

## GATHERING

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

There is only one God – Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen**

God of endless love: help us admit our sinfulness. Forgive us as only you can, so we can fully love you and each other. **Amen**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*A time of silence*

Loving God,

**We confess that we have turned from your way to follow our own ways. Forgive us our sins: for those we have spoken or acted and those not spoken or acted at all. Forgive us for failing to love those around us, both those closest to us and those we do not know. Forgive us for loving ourselves more than you, and our will more than yours. Forgive us, turn us around, and give us a fresh start, so that we can live again as your children. Amen.**

Beloved of God: Hear the good news! Even when we have messed up, God gives us a fresh start. His love never runs out, and He never tires of calling us His children. Hear God say to you now: Your sins are forgiven. **Amen**

GATHERING SONG: *Guide Me Ever Great Redeemer* #618

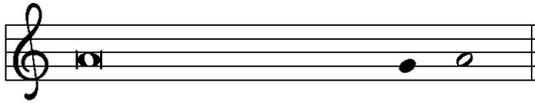
1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this  
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing  
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me  
 wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me  
 fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me

with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,  
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,  
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es

feed me now and ev - er - more, ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.  
 shield me with your might - y arm, might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.  
 I will raise for - ev - er - more, ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

# KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



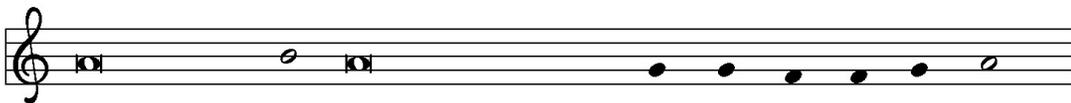
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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.

## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

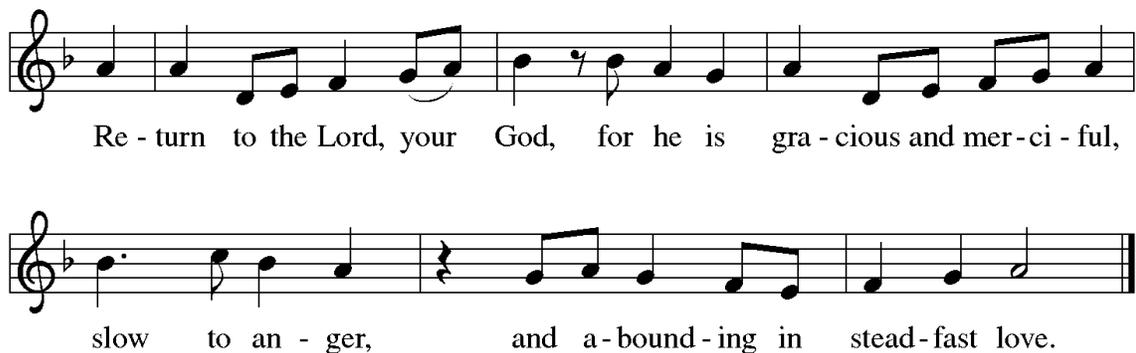
**Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

WORD FOR KIDS (9 & 11 AM):

## WORD

LESSON: Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:



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.

GOSPEL:

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew 4:1-11

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

THE SERMON: *“Living in God’s Word”* by Pastor Mike Rueckert

HYMN OF THE DAY: *A Mighty Fortress* #504

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -  
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -  
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -  
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who

to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and  
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom  
 vour us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they  
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with

wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe  
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?  
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;  
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,

has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might  
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,  
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;  
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,

he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.  
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.  
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.  
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*  
 Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther  
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THE APOSTLES' CREED:

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

*After each petition*

Servant God...

**Hear our prayer.**

SHARING THE PEACE:

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*(Share the peace with a wave and word of peace.)*

MANY WAYS TO GIVE

TEXT: 763-710-2209

ONLINE [www.zionanoka.org](http://www.zionanoka.org)  
click on "GIVE TODAY"

ELECTRONIC GIVING  
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or



MEAL

OFFERING:

CHOIR ANTHEM (9 & 11 AM):

"I Want Jesus to Walk With Me".....arr. Cherwien  
Zion Adult Choir; Jonathan Campbell, dir.; Shari Albrecht, piano

*I want Jesus to walk with me; all along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want  
Jesus to walk with me.*

*In my trials, Lord, walk with me; in my trials, Lord, walk with me; when me  
heart is almost breaking, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.*

*When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me; when I'm in trouble, Lord, walk  
with me!*

*When my head head is bowed in sorrow, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with  
me, to walk with me, to walk with me.*

OFFERTORY: *"Create in Me a Clean Heart" #188*

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of your salvation,  
and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these gifts, which we have received from you, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:

The Lord be with you.

**And also 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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

**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.**

DISTRIBUTION

# Let Us Break Bread Together

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1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;  
 2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;  
 3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

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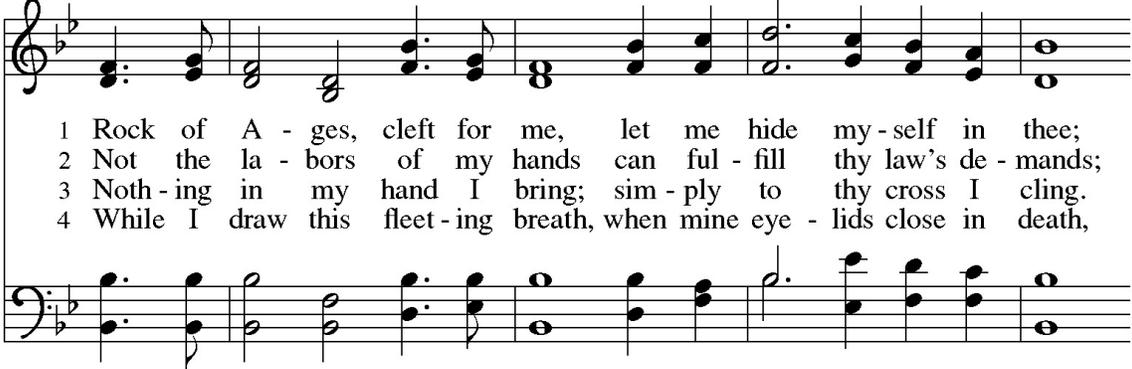
*Refrain*

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing

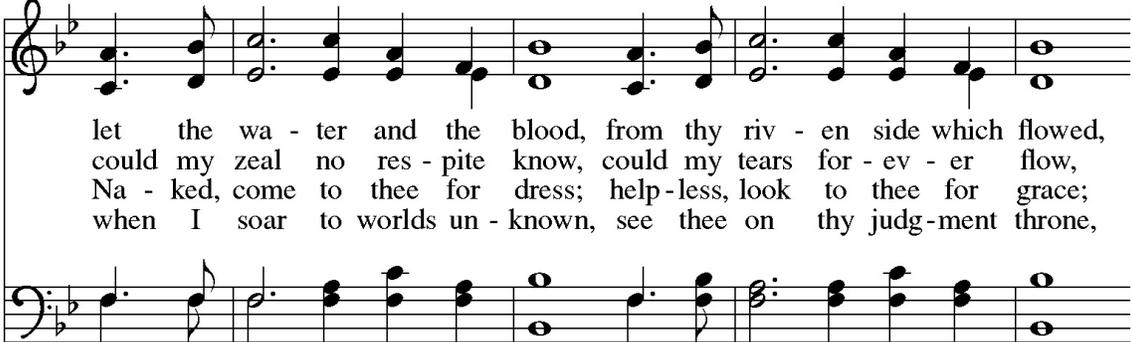
sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

Text: African American spiritual  
 Music: BREAK BREAD TOGETHER, African American spiritual

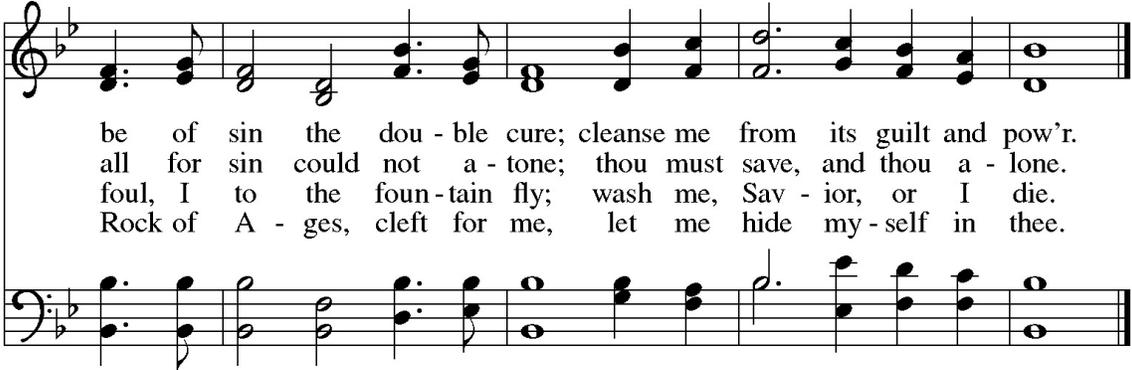
# Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;  
2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mands;  
3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; sim - ply to thy cross I cling.  
4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,



let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed,  
could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,  
Na - ked, come to thee for dress; help - less, look to thee for grace;  
when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,



be of sin the dou - ble cure; cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.  
all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone.  
foul, I to the foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.  
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

Text: Augustus M. Toplady, 1740–1778  
Music: TOPLADY, Thomas Hastings, 1784–1872

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER:

Embodied God, at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love.

**Amen.**

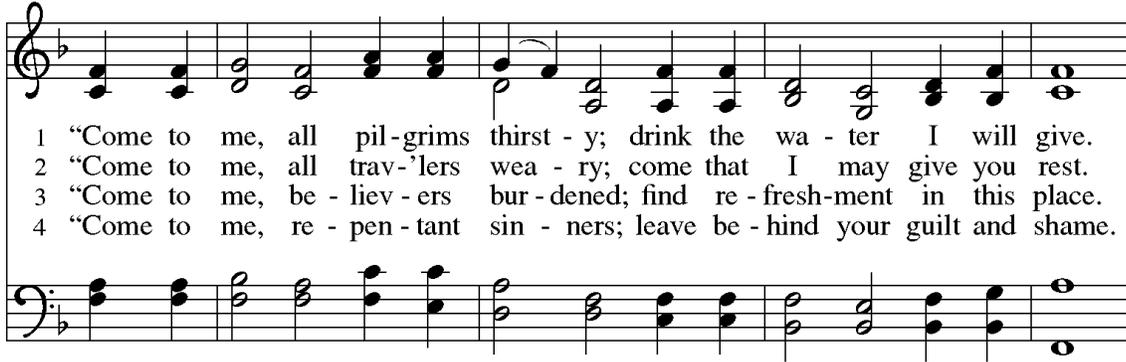
# SENDING

## BENEDICTION

God, the giver of love, † Christ, the resurrection and the life, and the Holy Spirit of rebirth  
bless you in this Lenten journey.

**Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN: *Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty* #777 vs 1, 2, & 6



1 "Come to me, all pil-grims thirst - y; drink the wa - ter I will give.  
2 "Come to me, all trav-'lers wea - ry; come that I may give you rest.  
3 "Come to me, be - liev - ers bur - dened; find re - fresh-ment in this place.  
4 "Come to me, re - pen - tant sin - ners; leave be - hind your guilt and shame.

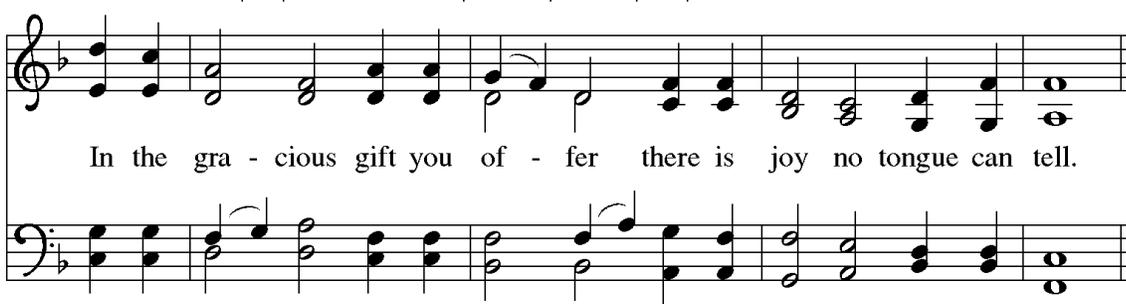


If you knew what gift I of - fer, you would come to me and live."  
Drink the cup of life I of - fer; at this ta - ble be my guest."  
Come, re - ceive the gift I of - fer, turn to me and seek my face."  
Come and know di - vine com - pas - sion, turn to me, I call your name."

*Refrain*



Je - sus, ev - er - flow - ing foun - tain, give us wa - ter from your well.



In the gra - cious gift you of - fer there is joy no tongue can tell.

5 "Come to me, distressed and needy;  
I would be your trusted friend.  
Come and seek the gift I offer,  
come, your open hands extend." *Refrain*

6 "Come to me, abandoned, orphaned;  
lonely ways no longer roam.  
Come and take the gift I offer,  
let me make in you my home." *Refrain*

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939  
Music: BEACH SPRING, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844; arr. *Selected Hymns*, 1985  
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## DISMISSAL:

Go in peace. Serve in love.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE (5 PM, 9 & 11 AM)

“I Want Jesus To Walk With Me”.....arr. Robert Hobby

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### HOSPITAL VISITS & PASTORAL CARE

If you or a family member are in the hospital or have had a change in your health status and would like a pastoral visit, please call the church office at 763-421-4656, email Kristine [kjohnson@zionanoka.org](mailto:kjohnson@zionanoka.org) or Pr Sue [swallager@zionanoka.org](mailto:swallager@zionanoka.org) or let any of the pastors know. The pastoral staff is very happy to visit you and provide pastoral care.

### HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

A very important ministry at Zion is reaching out to our homebound members, helping them to be a part of our Church even if they can't make it to our building. We do this in many ways (radio & Cable-TV broadcast, livestream, our Visitation Minister Ken Johnson, our monthly Herald newsletter and providing monthly services at assisted living facilities). Sharing Holy Communion is one of the most meaningful ways that we connect with our homebound members. We have a team who currently provides this ministry. If you or a family member are interested in a visit please call the church office at 763-421-4656.

### CONGREGATIONAL GODPARENTS NEEDED

Every child needs AAA (authentic, available and affirming) adults in their lives – the more the better! At Zion we believe in “marinating” our children in prayer and being present from the beginning. That is why we have Congregational Godparents – AAA adults who are willing to be present at the baptism of a child and pray for them every day and send cards (which are provided) on their birthdays and the anniversary of their baptism. It's an easy job, but a vital one. We are in need of people who would like to be part of this ministry and be present at the baptism. Contact Kristine Johnson or Pastor Connie for more information.

### SUPPORT OUR RADIO BROADCAST ON BOB-FM

Every Sunday morning at 9:10 AM, Zion's traditional worship service is broadcast on BOB-FM (106.1). Our radio broadcast covers a good portion of the state of Minnesota and reaches several hundred listeners each Sunday, including many who do not have internet capability. Special gifts to support Zion's Radio Broadcast Fund are welcome. Gifts may be given in memory of a loved one or in honor of a special occasion such as a wedding anniversary.

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TO WORSHIP

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Units Available

*Hearing assistance units  
are available at the  
sound booth at the  
back of the Sanctuary.*

Mobility Concerns

*We have areas in the  
sanctuary where a  
wheelchair or walker will  
fit. Ushers can assist you.*

Children Welcome

*Activity bags are  
available outside the  
sanctuary. We have two  
"pray grounds" in the  
sanctuary with plenty of  
places just outside the  
sanctuary as well where  
children can sit and play.*

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SUNDAY 9 & 11 AM

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## UPCOMING LENTEN SERVICES

WEDNESDAYS | NOON & 6:30 PM | SANCTUARY

March 1: Silent Witness – The Thorn

March 8: Silent Witness – The Robe

March 15: Silent Witness – The Nail

March 22: Silent Witness – The Spear

March 29: Silent Witness – The Shroud



## HOLY WEEK

April 2: Palm Sunday

April 6: Maundy Thursday

April 7: Good Friday

April 8: Easter Vigil

April 9: Easter Sunday