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TRADITIONAL SERVICE
MARCH 9/10, 2024
4RD SUNDAY IN LENT

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Welcome to Worship

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PREACHING:

Pastor Connie Tiede

ASSISTING:

5 PM Deb Oas Koepsell

8 AM Deb Oas Koepsell

9 AM Katie Weiland

READER:

5 PM Kathy Johnson

8 AM Marcia Wilson

9 AM Sandy Benson

ORGANIST: Mary Jo Gothmann

PRELUDE

GATHERING

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAMILY PROMISE UPDATE presented by Adam Monaghan, Program Coordinator

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection

Most merciful God,
 we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG: *Lift High the Cross* 660

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till

all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain

our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

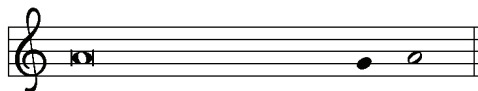
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GREETING:

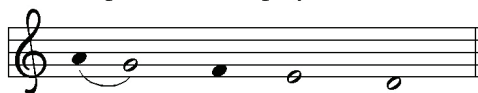
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

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.



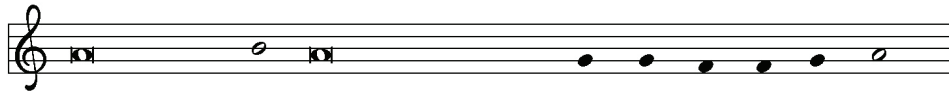
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

O God, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

BAPTISM (5 PM): Harrison Charles Eppel

WORD

WORD FOR KIDS (9 & 11 AM)

LESSONS: Numbers 21:4-9

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.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the acclamation, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to John 3:14-21

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel of the Lord.

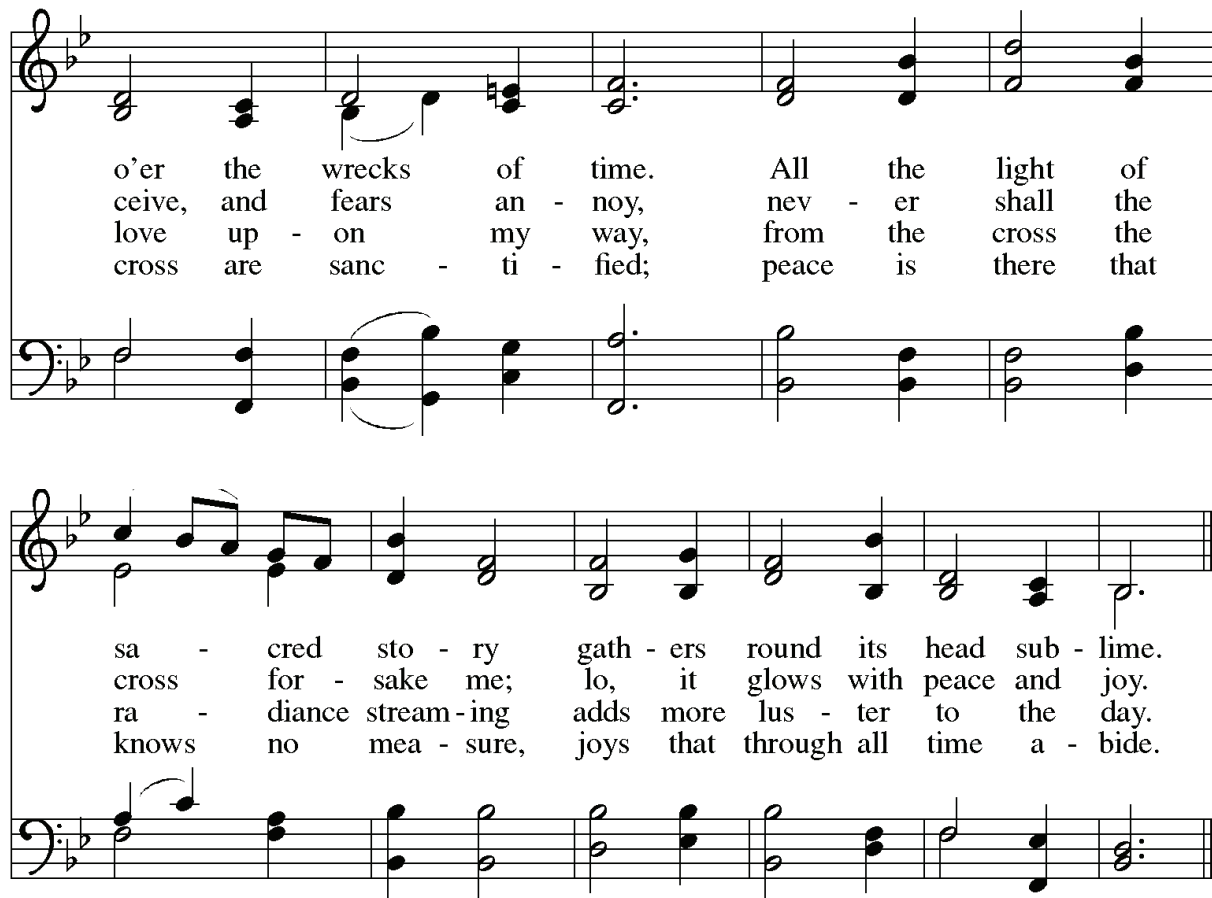
Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON: "Being Cross-Eyed" by Pastor Connie Tiede

HYMN OF THE DAY: *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*..... 324

1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tow'r - ing
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the

The image shows the musical notation for the hymn "In the Cross of Christ I Glory". It consists of two staves, a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in G major. The lyrics are written below the notes, with four verses numbered 1 through 4.



o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of
 ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the
 love up - on my way, from the cross the
 cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that

sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
 cross for - sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.
 ra - diance stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.
 knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.

Text: John Bowring, 1792-1872
 Music: RATHBUN, Thamar Conkey, 1815-1867

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

Lord of the Cross...

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

click on "GIVE TODAY"

ELECTRONIC GIVING

<https://cutt.ly/ziongivetoday>

or



MEAL

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC (9 AM):

"Hymn of Promise"by Sleeth; arr. Ferguson
Adult Choir; Jonathan Campbell, dir.

OFFERTORY: *When it Seems the Day Will End*, vs 1



When it seems the day will end, and all
light gives way to fear, we will speak your name a -
gain to re - mind us you are here.

Refrain

New life ris - ing, New life ris - ing, ash - es fall - ing, ash - es fall - ing,
joy and weep-ing, joy and weep-ing, in your call-ing. in your call - ing.

Text: Justin Rimbo, b. 1980
Music: HUMBLE WALK, Justin Rimbo
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OFFERTORY PRAYER:

Jesus, you are the bread of life. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger to share what we have first been given by you. We pray this in your name.

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/DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

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1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand;
2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus, my eye at times can see
3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;

the shad - ow of a might-y rock with - in a wea - ry land,
the ver - y dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me.
I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;

a home with-in a wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,
And from my con - trite heart, with tears, two won - ders I con - fess:
con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,

from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and bur - dens of the day.
the . . . won - der of his glo - rious love and my un - wor - thi - ness.
my . . . sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all, the cross.

1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy blood was
 2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y a con - flict,
 3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come, par - don,
 4 Just as I am; thy love un-known has bro - ken ev - 'ry

shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
 man - y a doubt, fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,
 cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve,
 bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea, thine a - lone,

O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789–1871

Music: WOODWORTH, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

POST COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER:

Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.

Amen.

SENDING**BENEDICTION:**

Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and † give you peace.

Amen.

1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found; was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5
 Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1851–1921, alt.

DISMISSAL:

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

CAMP WAPO - REGISTER NOW

Camp Wapo is a Bible camp located near Amery, WI, supported by Zion and a number of other Twin Cities area congregations. Zion's dates are June 14-16 Seeds camp (Gr. 1-3) and June 16-21 Youth camp (Gr. 4-12). Zion provides automatic scholarships for all of our campers. Seeds campers receive \$100 per child, 8th grade confirmation campers receive \$400, and all other week-long campers receive \$300. To receive the scholarships, only pay the deposit fee when you register. Zion will then add the scholarship to your account, and you'll be billed for any remainder. Additional support is available through Zion and Camp Wapo. Questions? Contact Katie Weiland at kweiland@zionanoka.org. Please use the following link to register <http://lwlbc.com/zion-anoka>.

CAMP WAPO SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Zion has a long history of supporting kids and youth active in our children and youth programming to go to Bible camp at Camp Wapo, and we need your help to be able to continue to support our families through the Camp Wapo Scholarship Fund. Our main sources of funds for these scholarships are from Thrivent Choice Dollars and direct donations. If you are a member of Thrivent Financial, you can look into your eligibility to direct Thrivent Choice Dollars at www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice or call Thrivent at 1-800-847-4836, follow the prompts and a Thrivent representative will work with you to direct your Choice Dollars to Zion. You can also send donations to Zion for the Camp Wapo Scholarship Fund. Checks should be made out to Zion Lutheran Church and "Scholarship Fund" written in the memo line. Thank you for your continued support of our Bible camp scholarship fund at Zion!

PRAYER MINISTRY INVITATION

If you have a celebration or concern you would like the prayer team to include in their prayers, complete a green prayer card located in the Sanctuary pew racks, in Zion's Chapel and also at the front desk or you can email your celebration/concern to prayer@zionanoka.org. If you would like to be a part of Zion's Prayer Team Ministry or would like more information, contact Pastor Sue swallager@zionanoka.org.

GREEN PRAYER CARDS are available in the pew holders for you to write a prayer request. Place them in the wooden prayer collection boxes located in the Sanctuary, Chapel or at the Welcome Desk. All prayer concerns or thanksgivings are confidential and are shared only with the Prayer Team.

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 Pastor Connie at ctiede@zionanoka.org or Kristine Johnson at kjohnson@zionanoka.org for more information.

HOSPITAL VISITS AND 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 at kjohnson@zionanoka.org or Pr. Sue at swallager@zionanoka.org or let any of the pastors know. The pastoral staff will be very happy to visit you and provide pastoral care. Thank you.

COMMUNION FOR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

One of Zion's most important ministries is reaching out to our homebound members. We do this by radio, Cable-TV and livestreaming of worship services, visits by our Visitation Minister Ken Johnson, Zion's monthly newsletter "The Herald" and monthly services at assisted living facilities. Sharing Holy Communion is one of the most meaningful ways we connect with our homebound members. Zion has a visitation team that provides this ministry. If you or a family member would like a monthly home communion visit please call the church office at 763-421-4656. We are also looking for kind, caring souls to add to our visitation team. Please contact Pastor Sue at swallager@zionanoka.org if you would like to become part of the *Home Communion Visitation Team*.

SAVE THE DATES FOR KIDS SUMMER CAMPS!

Families and volunteers! It's time to put Zion Kids Camps on your schedule! Registration opens March 15! Our Vacation Bible School (VBS) theme is back by popular demand—The Blessing Bus: LIVE!

- **Family "Blessing Bus" VBS** For families with kids age 0-5 plus siblings
SUNDAYS, JUNE 9, 16 & 23 | 10-10:50 AM
- **Zion Sports Camp - For kids grades K-5**
M-TH, JUNE 24-27 | 9 AM-NOON
- **PK "Blessing Bus" VBS - For kids age 3-5**
T-TH, JULY 9-11 | 9-11 AM
- **K-5 "Blessing Bus" VBS - For kids grades K-5**
M-TH, JULY 15-18 | 9 AM-NOON
- **Camp Create It - For kids grades K-5**
M-TH, JULY 29-AUG 1 | 9 AM-NOON
Family Program - THUR, AUG 1 | 11:30 AM-NOON
- **KidSing Jr. - For kids age 3-7**
WED, JUNE 12, 19 & 26 | 9:30-10 AM
WED, JULY 17, 24 & 31 | 9:30-10 AM

MATTHEW BAG MINISTRY

Matthew Bags are available, at the Welcome Desk, for you to pick up to give to a needy person that you encounter. Each bag contains water, food bars, personal hygiene items and socks. We are also still collecting donations of adult-size crew socks at this time. They can be dropped in the *Matthew Bag* donation bins at the Welcome Desk. Financial donations are also accepted at the front desk. Please write "Matthew Bags" on the memo line of your check. Thank you.

**WE WELCOME YOU
TO WORSHIP**

**Hearing Assistance
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 wheel-
chair or walker will fit.
Ushers can assist you.*

Children Welcome

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

LIVE STREAM

SUNDAY 9 & 11 AM

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**CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE
INTERIM ASSOCIATE PASTOR UPDATE
FROM CONGREGATION PRESIDENT**



Zion Lutheran Church,

During the Annual Meeting the members of the call committee were announced. They are: Don Timm, Emma Lindberg, Mary Sheie, Nathan Norquist, Patti Hiatt, Steven Randall with alternates being Amy Gerlach and Erik Johnson.

As you can imagine it will take a little time for the team to completely form and start the process of creating our Ministry Site Profile and start talking with candidates. Please keep this team in your thoughts and prayers during this journey.

Another item that was discussed during the Annual Meeting was the current interviewing for the Interim Associate Pastor. We are pleased to announce that Pastor Mike Pancoast has accepted the Interim Associate Pastor position. Pr. Mike currently serves at Trinity Lutheran in Princeton, he's been ordained for almost 28 years and he has a passion for Pastoral Care, Adult Education and Preaching, so he is very excited to come to Zion.

Peace to all and look for future updates as we continue on our transition.

God Bless,
Steve Randall
Congregational President

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