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LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICE  
MARCH 13, 2024  
THE CALL TO "I AM"

**Please silence your cell phones. Thank you!**

## Welcome to Worship

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 Connie Tiede

**ORGANIST:** Deb Oas Koepsell - NOON

Mary Jo Gothmann - 6:30 PM



### *The Call to "I AM"*

*Lent is the season to remember one very important thing about what it means to be a Christian: that when Jesus goes to the cross, there goes God. The "I AM" statements in the Gospel of John reveal in all fullness, the identity of Jesus. "I AM" is the name of God – as God revealed to Moses by the burning bush. In John's gospel we are reminded that to believe in Jesus is to hold together the fullness of Jesus' humanity and Jesus' divinity.*

*Each time Jesus says, "I AM", the whole of that statement reveals who Jesus is for us: bread, resurrection, light, God. We cannot separate God and the Word made flesh, the divinity, and the human Jesus.*

*This Lenten series helps us imagine that what Jesus puts after "I AM" shapes our reality as well. As it's been said, "I AM. Two of the most powerful words; for what you put after them shapes your reality."*

PRELUDE

GATHERING

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING:

The Love of God poured into our hearts, the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and the abundant life of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

# OPENING PRAYER:

O God, rich in mercy, full of kindness, out of your great love, you raise us up from sin and death and make us alive together with Christ. Write your word upon our hearts and restore in us the image of your love that, by your Spirit, our way of life may become the way of Christ, through whom we pray. Amen.

*Silence*

## OPENING HYMN: *Abide With Me*, vs 1 - 3 ..... 629

1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.  
 2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;  
 3 I need thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;  
 4 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;  
 5 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes,

The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.  
 earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;  
 what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?  
 ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.  
 shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;

When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,  
 change and de - cay in all a - round I see;  
 Who like thy - self my guide and stay can be?  
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?  
 heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;

help of the help - less, oh, a - bide with me.  
 O thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.  
 Through cloud and sun - shine, oh, a - bide with me.  
 I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me!  
 in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

# WORD

LESSON: John 15:1-11

SERMON: *"I AM the True Vine"* by Pastor Connie Tiede

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

*After each petition*

Lord of the cross...

**hear our prayer.**

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.**

## SENDING

HYMN: *Abide With Me*, vs 4 & 5 (see previous page) ..... 629

BLESSING:

Christ Jesus dwell in our hearts through faith, as we are being rooted and grounded in love, strengthened by the Spirit, and filled with all the fullness of God.

**Amen.**

SHARE GOD'S PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*As you go, please share Christ's peace with one another.*

MANY WAYS TO GIVE

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click on "GIVE TODAY"

ELECTRONIC GIVING

<https://cutt.ly/ziongivetoday>

or



**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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Channel 6

SUNDAY | 10 AM & 5 PM

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**The Call to "I AM" - A Lenten Series**

**NOON & 6:30 PM**

**Continues**

**MARCH 20: *I AM the Resurrection and the Life***

**John 11:17-27 Pr Steve Schmidt - preaching**

**HOLY WEEK**

**Palm Sunday**

**MARCH 23/34 | 5PM, 8, 9 & 11 AM**

**Maundy Thursday**

**MARCH 28 | | NOON, 6:30 PM**

***I AM the Bread of Life***

**John 6:35-40 Pr Sue Wallager - preaching**

**Good Friday**

**MARCH 29**

**FAMILY SERVICE | 10 AM & 6 PM | CHAPEL**

**TRADITIONAL SERVICE | NOON & 6:30 PM | SANCTUARY**

***I AM He = the Absolute I AM***

**John 8:21-30 Pr Connie Tiede - preaching**

**Easter**

**Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed!**

**SATURDAY MARCH 30 | 5 PM**

**SUNDAY MARCH 31 | 8, 9:30 & 11 AM**