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LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICE  
MARCH 20, 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 Steve Schmidt

ASSISTING: 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: *You Satisfy the Hungry Heart*, vs 1, 2 & 3 ..... 484

*Refrain*

You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat.

Come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.

- 1 As when the shep-herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
- 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
- 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out-poured?
- 4 The mys - t'ry of your pres-ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
- 5 You give your-self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,

so when you call your fam-'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - joice.  
 that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav'n-ly food.  
 Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?  
 whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.  
 to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

*Refrain*

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# WORD

LESSON: John 11:17-27

SERMON: "I AM the Resurrection and the Life" by Pastor Steve Schmidt

## 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: *You Satisfy the Hungry Heart*, vs 4 & 5 ..... 484

## 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"

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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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## 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