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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.

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ORGANIST: Deb Oas Koepsell - Noon

Mary Jo Gothmann - 6:30 рм



#### 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:**

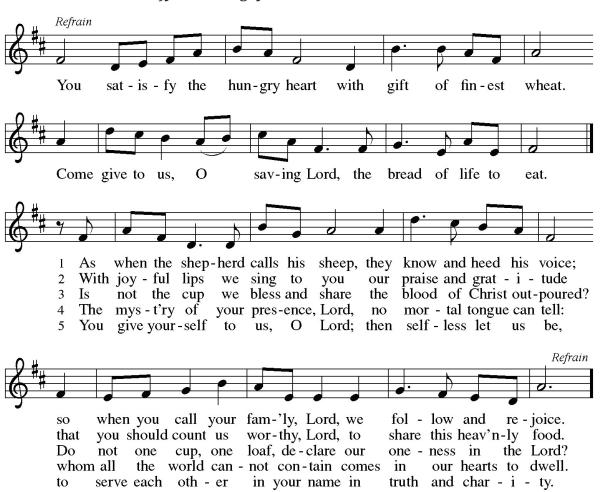
The Love of God poured into our hearts, the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and the abundant life of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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



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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.

#### MANY WAYS TO GIVE

TEXT: 763-710-2209

ONLINE <u>www.zionanoka.org</u> click on "GIVE TODAY"

**ELECTRONIC GIVING** 

https://cutt.ly/ziongivetoday

or



#### 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.

# 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 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.

#### LIVE STREAM

Sunday 9 & 11 am <u>www.zionanoka.org</u> (click "Worship Online") - or-

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#### **CABLE TV**

Metro Cable Network Channel 6 SUNDAY | 10 AM & 5 PM

#### **RADIO BROADCAST**

106.1 BOB FM Sundays | 9:10 Am

#### **OFFICE HOURS**

M - Th: 9 Am - 5 PM Fri: 9 Am - 12 NOON



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# HOLYWEEK

# **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