

Second Sunday in Lent
March 13, 2022



Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

Celebrating God's Mercy and Forgiveness

The Second Sunday of Lent

Please be sure that all electronic devices are silenced.

*Indicates to stand, as able.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Though we sometimes doubt and often resist God's desire to protect and save us, our God persists. In holy baptism, God's people have been called and gathered into a God-initiated relationship that will endure. Lent provides the church with a time and a tradition in which to seek God's face again. Lent provides another occasion to behold the God of our salvation in the face of the Blessed One who "comes in the name of the Lord."

Prelude

Welcome

*** Confession and Forgiveness**

L: In the name of God, who makes a way in the wilderness, walks with us, and guides us in our pilgrimage.

A: Amen.

*** *Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination* ***

L: Holy One,

A: we confess that we have wandered far from you: we have not trusted your promises, we have ignored your prophets in our own day, we have squandered our inheritance of grace, we have failed to recognize you in our midst. Have mercy on us! Forgive us and turn us again to you. Teach us to follow in your ways, assure us again of your love, and help us to love our neighbor. Amen.

***Absolution (Receive God's Forgiveness)**

L: Beloved in Christ, the Word draws near to you, and all who call out to God shall be saved. In Jesus, God comes to you again and again and gathers you under wings of love. In Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven. God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love.

A: Amen.

***Gathering Hymn:** “*The God of Abr’ham Praise!*”, ELW 831, vss. 1 & 3

***Greeting**

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

A: And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

L: God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever

A: Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

A Reading from: Psalm 27

(Please read responsively – all join in on the even verses)

1 The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

2 When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh — my adversaries and foes— they shall stumble and fall.

3 Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.

4 One thing I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple.

5 For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.

6 Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

7 Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!

8 "Come," my heart says, "seek his face!" Your face, LORD, do I seek.

9 Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!

10 If my father and mother forsake me, the LORD will take me up.

11 Teach me your way, O LORD, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.

12 Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries, for false witnesses have risen against me, and they are breathing out violence.

13 I believe that I shall see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

14 Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD

Second Reading: *Philippians 3:17-21, 4:1*

Although Paul's devotion to Christ has caused him to be persecuted, he does not regret the course he has taken. Writing from prison, he expresses confidence in a glorious future and encourages other Christians to follow in his footsteps.

R: The word of the Lord.

A: Thanks be to God.

Gospel: *Luke 13:31-35

L: The holy gospel according to Luke the 13th chapter.

A: Glory to you, O Lord.

Neither Herod's plotting nor Jerusalem's resistance to maternal love will deter Jesus from his sacrificial mission.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

A: Praise to you, O Christ.

Message

Special Music

***Offering**

L: Let us pray... Extravagant God

A: you have blessed us with the fullness of creation. Now we gather at your feast where you offer us the food that satisfies. Take and use what we offer here, come among us, and feed us with the body and blood of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

***Prayers of the People**

The response to: "Merciful God," is "**Receive our prayer.**"

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

L: The Lord be with you.

A: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

A: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

A: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***Words of Institution**

***Lord's Prayer**

L: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as Jesus taught us.

A: 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.

L: Here is food and drink for the journey. Take and be filled.

Sharing the Supper

Each row will be dismissed by an usher, to maintain proper social distancing. Communicants will walk down the center aisle to the rear of the sanctuary where communion will be received. Please remain near the center of the aisle to avoid crowding the ends of pews. Masks must be kept on until standing in front of communion assistant where you will receive bread and wine. Juice and gluten free options are available upon your request. There will be a small trash can to dispose of your cup. Masks are to be returned to proper wearing, covering nose and mouth, prior to returning to your seat via the side aisle. If you need communion brought to you in your pew, please notify an usher. All baptized believers are welcome at God's table.

***Prayer after Communion**

L: Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need.

A: Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

***Blessing**

L: You are children of God, anointed with the oil of gladness and strengthened for the journey. Almighty God, motherly, majestic, and mighty, bless you this day and always.

A: Amen.

***Sending Hymn:** *“All Who Love and Serve Your City”*, ELW 724, vss. 1 & 3

Announcements

***Dismissal**

L: Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.

A: We will! Thanks be to God.

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CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Please read through the names of people who have requested prayer for one reason or another under our ***Prayer Ministry Section***. God knows the reason, and we are called to care. We offer care by; praying, picking up the phone to offer a word of encouragement, sending a note or text, and offering help where a need arises. That is Christian Care. Let's show the world what it means to be God's Church!!!

REMAINING WELL: In an effort to keep our congregation and community safe and well, please be reminded that in this time of flu, colds, COVID and its variants, if you are not feeling well, please be kind to yourself and others and stay home!!! Sunday worship continues to be streamed weekly on Facebook. If you have a special need ie; groceries or prescriptions picked up or would like to be held in prayer please contact the church office. Let's do our best to stay well together!

PRAYER AND SPIRITUALITY MINISTRY

PRAYER is how we communicate with the God of the universe. Those we hold in our fervent prayers include: Owen Fleming, Dona Harmon, Gary Harmon, Marge Harrold, Rich Harrold, Shirley Hasenmeier, Donna Morefield, Pat Tomazic, Mathew Ward, Ben Hasenmeier, Sandie Kvasnika, John Lyren, Michael Miller, John Neuman, Dick Schenk, Laura, Paul, Ridley, those at risk for illness, health care workers, first responders, "essential" workers, and the homeless.

HURON COMMUNITY PRAYER PATH & LABYRINTH is open year-round from dawn to dusk. There are three separate prayer paths. The upper path is wooded and is one mile long. The lower path follows a brook, transformation bridge, and hilly wooded terrain provides a serene way to commune with nature. The third path traverses the meadow leading to the labyrinth.

The labyrinth is a meditative path that has one entry that leads you to the center. As you walk, find your own pace, let the world drop away, and turn inward to what you feel and think. In the center, pause, reflect, and be open to the whispers of your heart and God's message to you. Please take time and experience God on the path!

HOLY GROUND: The Prayer Path has published a book, ***Holy Ground***, that describes how the Prayer Path and Labyrinth got started, how it came together, the blessings people have received, and lives changed. The books are a fundraiser to help collect money for a replacement tractor and are available for \$15.00 in the narthex or see Shelia Preston. Please spread the word!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

WOMEN'S MINISTRY: Ladies save the date of April 30, for the Spring Gathering to be held at Zion Lutheran, Sandusky from 9am - 1pm. This year's theme is "*Praying with Body and Soul.*" Stay tuned as more specific information will be coming soon.

WORSHIP INFORMATION

WORSHIP is a time to connect with God and others, say thank you to God for everything we have been given, a time to learn and grow our faith and understanding and be challenged to follow the teachings of Jesus, a time to be in community. Please join us each Sunday at 9:00 am as we come together for worship.

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES will continue this Wednesday, March 16th at 7:00PM. A light meal and fellowship will take place at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall. For those who would like to join our Lenten Book Club we will be reading 'The Last Week' by Borg and Crossan. Discussion will take place during fellowship before each service. For further details see Hope Nottke.

FLOWER CHART: The 2022 Sign-up Flower Chart is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. Cindy Carruthers (419-602-7269) will again coordinate this ministry for 2022. Flowers are purchased from Sweet Pea Flower Truck and are \$25.00 per side. Invoices are placed in the cubby marked "Sweet Pea Invoice" in the upper room and can be picked up there. Payments should be mailed directly to Sweet Pea. Cindy will contact you before the flowers are ordered. If the flowers are to celebrate a special occasion or in honor or memory of a loved one, please notify Cindy or the office at 419- 433-4711 or zionhuron@gmail.com so it can be listed properly in the bulletin.

ACTIVITY BAGS are back for our younger members and visitors. The Activity Bags are located at the entrance of the Sanctuary. Please use a bag during the worship service. We ask that you put all items back into the bag and return to the proper place, so that others may also enjoy. **We are looking for 1-2 individuals to assist with the upkeep of the Activity Bags. Minimal time commitment is required. Please reach out to Missy Gibboney at magibboney@hotmail.com or the church office if you are interested or would like more information.

CONTINUOUS COMMUNION: We ask everyone to comply with mask-wearing before and after communion. An usher will dismiss rows to maintain proper social distancing. Individuals will walk down the center aisle to the rear of the sanctuary, where you will receive communion. Remain near the center of the aisle to avoid crowding the ends of pews. Masks must be kept on until standing in front of the communion assistant, where you will receive bread and wine placed in your hand. Juice and gluten-free options are available upon your request.

After receiving communion, place the small cup in the trash can and don your mask, covering your nose and mouth. Mask must be on before returning to your seat via the side aisle. Please notify an usher if you need communion brought to you in your pew.

AS WE CONTINUE THROUGH WINTER be aware of possible cancellations of worship and other church events. If we are at Level 3 by the Sheriff’s Office, all events, including worship, will be canceled. Level 2, please check the church voicemail, Facebook and website for updates. Stay safe!

OFFICE HOURS

PASTOR KRIS: Pastor Kris welcomes your visits and appointments. To better plan, please email or call her or the office directly to set up a time to meet: Zionhuron@gmail.com or pastorkrisschroeder@gmail.com or by phone at 419- 433-4711. During this time of staff transition, Pastor Kris’s scheduled office hours will vary week to week.

OFFICE: Normal office hours are Mon – Thurs from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm when voicemails (419-433-4711) and emails (zionhuron@gmail.com) are addressed. Please visit our website at zionhuron.org for “everything Zion” and our Facebook page for general updates and live streaming of Sunday services.

MUSIC MINISTRY

FAMILY CHIMES: an intergenerational musical-fellowship led by Mr. Walt, continues to practice, have lots of fun and provide musical talent for worship! All are welcome to join no matter age or ability. Rehearsals take place most Sundays after 9 am worship. Questions, contact Walt: wbaughman53@gmail.com or Missy Gibboney: magibboney@hotmail.com. March practice dates include: March 13th & 27th!

FINANCE

Weekly Offerings

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| | March 6, 2022 |
| Contributions received | \$2,659 |
| Budgeted amount needed | \$4,260.00 |
| YTD Budget: \$42,600 | YTD Actual: -\$12,806.76 |

EVENTS

CHURCH MASTER CALENDAR: We ask that NO event, meeting, or announcement be written on the church master calendar without first notifying the office of the date and time. Also, if you host an event, it is your responsibility to ensure that all tables, chairs, flip charts, etc. be put away before you leave. Thank you for your cooperation.

IDEAS AND SUGGESTIONS

HAVE AN IDEA OR SUGGESTION but not sure what to do with it? It is encouraged for members of the congregation to help implement programs, missions, and fellowship opportunities. Printed guidelines are available on the back table in Narthex for your reference. Your Members-at-Large, Paul Nabors or Bev Moyer can help too!

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

HURON HELPING HANDS FOOD PANTRY is always looking for items to fill their shelves, to provide to those in need. Needed items include canned fruit, boxed cereal, canned ravioli, canned pasta, canned beef stew, Rice-a-Roni, baking mix, pancake mix, body wash, and shampoo. Egg cartons are also currently needed.

FOOD PANTRY LENTEN JOURNEY CONTINUES: Remember to pick up a list of items, located on the table in the narthex, that we are collecting throughout Lent to donate to the Huron Food Pantry on Easter Sunday. This is one small way we can give to those in need as we draw closer to God this season.

SONSHINE PROJECT continues to show God's love as we continue to build relationships between Zion and the community. We have been delivering boxes of food and milk to the food pantry donated by Zion and we have been providing home cooked meals prepared by Christ Community Meal.

We have completed Bible Study twice in the month of February (*the book of Matthew*). Residents have been praying for themselves, their neighbors, and their community. Thank you all for your concerns, prayers, and donations as we reach out to the community.

We are looking for a person to help once a month with deliveries on the first Wednesday of the month. If you are interested, please call the church office or Shelia Preston.

NEW STAFF

WE ARE PLEASED TO WELCOME JENNA RILEY AS ZION'S CUSTODIAN. We are pleased to welcome Jenna Riley as Zion's custodian. She has been assisting Jennifer and will now be taking on the custodian position. We would like to thank Jennifer for her time and dedication to our congregation over the years.

**Volunteers for the 3/13/2022 and 3/20/2022 9:00 AM Sunday services and 3/16/2022 7:00 PM
Wednesday Lenten Worship Service**

| | Greeter | Reader | Usher | Technology Assistant | Worship Monitor | Communion Bread Server | Communion Wine / Juice Server |
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| Sunday, 3_13_2022 9:00 AM | Sandra Klingelsmith/ Anne Wessels | Walter Baughman | Nadine Bober/ Howard Carruthers | Missy Gibboney | Leo Kaufman | Karen Munsterman | Cindy Carruthers |

| | Greeter | Reader | Usher | Technology Assistant | Worship Monitor | Communion Bread Server | Communion Wine / Juice Server |
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| Wednesday, 3_16_2022 7:00 PM | Leslie Foxworth | Leo Kaufman | Wendy Kaufman | Howard Carruthers | Howard Carruthers | Forrest Airhart | Karen Munsterman |

| | Greeter | Reader | Usher | Technology Assistant | Worship Monitor | Communion Bread Server | Communion Wine / Juice Server |
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| Sunday, 3_20_2022 9:00 AM | Peggy Gilbert | Kim Rice | Betty Weyer | Howard Carruthers | Terry Parker | Sandra Klingelsmith | Forrest Airhart |

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