

1st Sunday of Lent



Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, was led by the Spirit in the wilderness for forty days, being tempted by the devil.



March 6, 2022

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Prayer Before Worship *Dear God, our heavenly Father, we give thanks for the gift of your Son, who was tested in the desert for forty days, enduring temptations of body and soul, even as he fasted and prayed for strength. As we enter this season of Lent, strengthen our hearts, that we may resist temptations and endure hardships, trusting in you--in Jesus' name. Amen.*

This Week's Prayer List We pray for a portion of Zion's family and friends...Inez Buetow; Ralph and Carol Buetow; Helen Buetow; Steven and Jen Buetow; Austin Buetow; Carley Buetow. We pray for those under the care of a physician, undergoing treatment and therapy, for all difficulties meeting obligations, and a strong faith for every need.

Lenten Service * The Sign of Jonah: Caught in the Storm! * Wed, 3:30 & 7pm * **Lenten Supper** after the 3:30 service: Walking Tacos! (Fundraiser for Peru Mission Trip)

LWML Women's Prayer Service * Thursday, March 10, 9:30am. All are invited to join in this time of Scripture & prayer.

Sacred Music Concert here at Zion * Friday, March 25 (7pm) * Cost: free-will offering * Peter Klemp, former member of Zion, will direct the Concordia High School band & choir (18 instrumentalists and choir of 8), as part of a spring concert tour which will go to on to play at Concordia-St. Paul. Volunteers are needed to serve supper to the group, prior to their concert.

Directory Update * Zion had a great turnout for the directory photo shoots, filling almost every available slot. We are assembling photos and arranging them. If you were not able to sit for a photo, you can still submit a photo of yourself or your family--likewise, if you have a photo you'd like to share of Zion's people at work (digital is preferred). Our goal is to have this assembled by March 24.

Prayer Requests * Carol Buetow is continuing therapy at Good Samaritan * Ralph Herrmann, hospitalized and now home * Harriet Tellers, in hospice at Maple Plain * Suzanne Honebrink, recovering from surgery and awaiting therapy * Sharon Schewe, hospitalized * Ukrainian families, regarding Russian invasion.

Opening Hymn # 418 “O Lord, throughout These Forty Days”

- P** God did not say, “You shall not be tempted, troubled, or distressed.”
- C** God did say, “You shall not be overcome.”
- P** At his Baptism, Jesus was filled with the Holy Spirit;
- C** Led by the Holy Spirit into the wilderness, he was tempted by Satan.
- P** The Father’s only-begotten Son was tested.
- C** The same Father is present with us and calls out:
- P** “Love me and call upon me, and I will answer you,
- C** I will be with you in trouble, and will honor you.”

Hymn # 716 “I Walk in Danger All the Way”

*I walk in danger all the way; The thought shall never leave me
That Satan, who has marked his prey, Is plotting to deceive me.
This foe with hidden snares May seize me unawares
If e’er I fail to watch and pray. I walk in danger all the way.*

- P** O Lord, we have felt discouraged, and at times even abandoned and betrayed by you, when all kinds of things have not gone well with us.
- C** O Lord, have mercy!

*I pass through trials all the way, With sin and ills contending;
In patience I must bear each day The cross of God’s own sending.
When in adversity I know not where to flee,
When storms of woe my soul dismay, I pass through trials all the way.*

- P** Instead of following you, we follow a tempter whose vision of the world is counter to yours; we are deceived and enticed by abundance, attention and action.
- C** O Christ, have mercy!

*I walk with angels all the way, They shield me and befriend me;
All Satan’s power is held at bay When heavenly hosts attend me;
They are my sure defense, All fear and sorrow, hence!
Unharm’d by foes, do what they may, I walk with angels all the way.*

P O God, when you have not answered as we desire, we lean on our own understanding and do not seek to do your will.

C O Lord, have mercy.

*I walk with Jesus all the way; His guidance never fails me;
Within His wounds I find a stay When Satan's power assails me;
And by His footsteps led, My path I safely tread.
No evil leads my soul astray; I walk with Jesus all the way.*

P Journey with us and guide us.

C Increase our faith: You will never leave us or forsake us. Amen.

P God is at work in us and in all who believe! You are clothed with the righteous robe of Jesus, wrapped and held by God's tender love.

C "Keep the word near you, on your lips and in your heart--this Word is your salvation."

P Jesus Christ is your Savior. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's peace!

C O Lord, into your hands I commend my spirit. Amen.

*My walk is heavenward all the way; Await, my soul, the morrow,
When God's good healing shall allay From all thy sin and sorrow.
Then, worldly pomp, begone! To heaven I now press on.
For all the world I would not stay; My walk is heavenward all the way.*

Collect of the Day * Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: Give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn # 696

"O God, My Faithful God"

*O God, my faithful God, True fountain ever flowing,
Without whom nothing is, All perfect gifts bestowing:
Give me a healthy frame, And may I have within
A conscience free from blame, A soul unstained by sin.*

Old Testament Reading

P This is the Word of the Lord.

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

C Thanks be to God.

*Grant me the strength to do With ready heart and willing
Whatever You command, My calling here fulfilling;
That I do what I should While trusting You to bless
The outcome for my good, for You must give success.*

*Keep me from saying words That later need recalling;
Guard me lest idle speech May from my lips be falling;
But when within my place I must and ought to speak,
Then to my words give grace Lest I offend the weak.*

Epistle Reading

P This is the Word of the Lord.

Romans 10:8b-13

C Thanks be to God.

The Apostles' Creed

*Lord, let me win my foes With kindly words and actions,
And let me find good friends For counsel and correction.
Help me, as You have taught, To love both great and small
And by Your Spirit's might To live in peace with all.*

P The Gospel according to Luke, chapter four.

C: Praise be to you, O Lord!

Gospel Reading

Luke 4:1-13

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise be to you, O Christ!

Children's Message *Sunday School to follow in Mr. M's Classroom.*

Sermon Hymn # 656

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God!"

Sermon

The Weapon of Righteousness

Romans 10:8

The Word of God disables Satanic power--and it saves.

Hymn # 727

"On Eagles Wings"

Prayers & Lord's Prayer

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
P Lift up your hearts and lives in service to God.
C It is right to give him thanks and praise!
P The Lord bless you * shine upon you * give you peace.
C Amen.

Closing Hymn # 918 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer!”

Bible Study: Christians in a Woke World--A Call to Courage, Confession and Love. Our society seems to be comprised of victims and victors—and those that challenge such notions are “canceled” or “doxed” by the “woke” people, who promote social justice and critical race theory, fighting against systemic racism and the “privileged white.” This confusion tears at society and questions a person’s relationship with Christ. Our Bible Study will view this “wokeness” from a Biblical perspective and give courage to these challenges, confess the faith and share the love of His Son, Jesus, with all people. Sign up in the lobby.

Gertens Fundraiser – Spring is right around the corner which means the school has begun their flower and plant fundraiser that benefits the Education League. Starting this year, Gertens has changed to online orders only. To place an order, go to www.gertensfundraising.com and enter ID code 391. If you are placing an order through a student so they will deliver it to you then be sure to put the seller’s name at checkout. If you will be picking it up yourself then put “church” in the seller’s box. This is how we track whose orders go with what family. If you have any questions, please reach out to Kelly Dose at jkdose@gmail.com.

Butterbraid sales have started! They go until March 20th. Zion’s fourth through sixth grade students will take turns selling in the lobby at Wednesday and Sunday services. Delivery will be April 8th. Proceeds for this fundraiser will go to help finance the 2024 trip to Washington, D.C.

Finances

Salary:

Beginning Balance (1/1/2022)	\$61,721.74
YTD Income	\$64,064.14
YTD Expenses	-\$85,489.84
Current Balance (3/3)	\$40,296.04

Missions:

Year to date total (2/10)	\$865.00
Budgeted	\$865.00
Non-budgeted	\$0
2022 Pledged	\$6,500.00
2022 Goal	\$15,000.00

LHS:

Year to date total (2/10)	\$16,697.66
2022 Commitment	\$21,395.00
Per communicant member	\$55.00

Building/Repair Fund:

Account Balance (2/22)	\$2,017.69
Suggested household contribution	\$550.00

Members of Zion, As of last week, the balance in the maintenance account stands at \$2,017.69. Checks totaling \$11,572.51 were written out this week and it has drained the account. There will be very large bills that will be coming due soon also. The largest being insurance for the church and school which is roughly \$12,000. Another one will be propane for the church and school which will be roughly \$4,000. On top of those, there will be other smaller bills. So, with that said, the account needs help from the members. I am estimating that the fund will need \$20,000 to cover upcoming bills. For the members who have contributed to the fund this year and in the past, thank you. If the members could once again support this fund, it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for understanding.

Mark Melcher, Maintenance Fund Treasurer

March 6th – March 12th

Sun, March 6th
Wed, March 9th

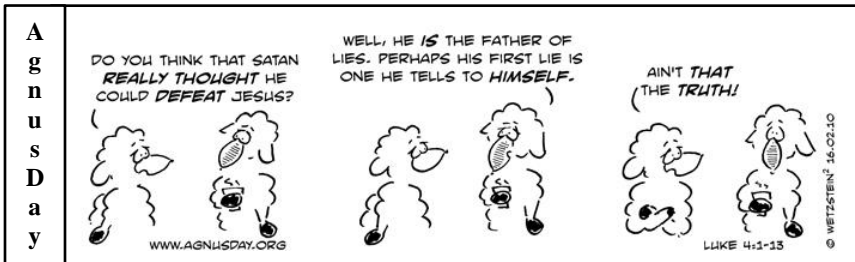
Sunday Service 9:30
Lenten Services 3:30 and 7:00
Lenten Supper after 3:30 Service: Walking Tacos
Confirmation 5:30
LWML Women's Prayer Service 9:30
Chapel 8:10

Thurs, March 10th
Fri, March 11th

March 13th – March 19th

Sun, March 13th
Wed, March 16th
Fri, March 18th

Sunday Service Communion 9:30
Dartball Tournament 12:30
Lenten Services 3:30 and 7:00
Confirmation 5:30
Chapel 8:10



Attention all Thrivent Members: March is the last month to designate your Thrivent Choice Dollars to your favorite charity for the year 2021. Please call your Thrivent agent or go to your **Thrivent Log In** to designate Zion Lutheran Church or Zion Lutheran School. Choice Dollars has been a significant way that our church and school can get funds to meet critical needs at no cost to members.

Attendance

February 27th was 175 and communion 85.
Ash Wednesday Afternoon was 66 and communion 58.
Ash Wednesday Evening was 31 and communion 28.