

# First Sunday in Lent



March 1, 2020 + 11:00am

Zion Lutheran Church  
Lexington, South Carolina

## **WELCOME TO WORSHIP at ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH!**

We are glad you have come to worship this day!

### **We especially Welcome our Visitors and Guests!**

We hope you feel right at home here at Zion. If you have any questions, our ushers will be happy to help you. You are invited to fill out a Visitor's card found in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate.

**If you are seeking a church home**, we invite you to consider becoming a part of this community of faith and learning more about the mission and ministry of Zion. For more information about Zion Lutheran Church, becoming a member, and sharing your gifts in ministry, contact the church office, (803) 356-2297, [zionchurch@zionlexsc.com](mailto:zionchurch@zionlexsc.com) or visit our website, [zionlexsc.com](http://zionlexsc.com).

### **WORSHIP NOTES**



**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION** is offered to all baptized Christians who seek Christ's gift of grace. Visitors who receive Holy Communion in their home congregations are invited to share in this sacrament of grace. Gluten free bread is available to those with allergies. You may indicate this need to the pastor during communion distribution. Children who are not receiving communion may come forward for a blessing.

**OUR STAFFED NURSERY** is available for young children during worship. The nursery is located through the narthex/lobby area and down the hall to the right.

**HYMNS** not printed in the bulletin are from the red WORSHIP hymnal in the pew rack.

**PLEASE SILENCE YOUR ELECTRONICS AT THIS TIME.**

+ FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT +

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

*We stand.*

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of heaven and earth, you come to us and make us your own. Equip us by your Spirit to confess our sin, embrace your forgiveness, and seek the way you set before us in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

During the season of Lent we are called to return to the Lord with all our heart. Let us confess our sin and seek reconciliation with God and neighbor.

*We kneel. Silence is kept for confession and meditation.*

Merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and we cannot break free. We have spoken when we should have kept quiet. We were silent when we should have said something. We acted when we knew better. We were still when we know we should have moved. Forgive us for the wrong we have done and for the good we have failed to do, and have mercy on us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Behold, now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation. Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

*We stand.*

**SHARING OF PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

*We share a sign of Christ's peace with one another.*

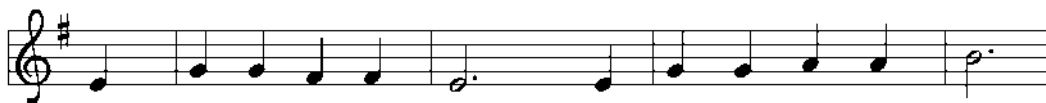
**GATHERING HYMN # 320**

***The Glory of These Forty Days***

## GREETING

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

## KYRIE



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*We sit.*

## FIRST READING

**Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7**

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.

<sup>16</sup>And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; <sup>17</sup>but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

<sup>3:1</sup>Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" <sup>2</sup>The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; <sup>3</sup>but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" <sup>4</sup>But the serpent said to the

woman, “You will not die; <sup>5</sup>for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” <sup>6</sup>So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup>Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM 32**

Happy are they whose transgressions | are forgiven,  
and whose sin is | put away!

<sup>2</sup>**Happy are they to whom the LORD im- | putes no guilt,  
and in whose spirit there | is no guile!**

<sup>3</sup>While I held my tongue, my bones with- | ered away,  
because of my groaning | all day long.

<sup>4</sup>**For your hand was heavy upon me | day and night;  
my moisture was dried up as in the | heat of summer.**

<sup>5</sup>Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not con- | ceal my guilt.  
I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD.”  
Then you forgave me the guilt | of my sin.

<sup>6</sup>**Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in | time of trouble;  
when the great waters overflow, they | shall not reach them.**

<sup>7</sup>You are my hiding-place; you preserve | me from trouble;  
you surround me with shouts | of deliverance.

<sup>8</sup>**“I will instruct you and teach you in the way that | you should go;  
I will guide you | with my eye.**

<sup>9</sup>Do not be like horse or mule, which have no | understanding;  
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will | not stay near you.”

<sup>10</sup>**Great are the tribulations | of the wicked;  
but mercy embraces those who trust | in the LORD.**

<sup>11</sup>Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice | in the LORD;  
shout for joy, all who are | true of heart.

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

*Young children are invited forward at this time.*

*Following the Children's Sermon, children ages 3 through 3rd Grade may go to Children's Church. Meet the Children's Church leaders at the red door at the back of the church. Children will return from Children's Church during the offering.*

*We stand.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*sung two times*



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

## GOSPEL READING

**Matthew 4:1-11**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup>He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. <sup>3</sup>The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." <sup>4</sup>But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

<sup>5</sup>Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, <sup>6</sup>saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" <sup>7</sup>Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

<sup>8</sup>Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; <sup>9</sup>and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" <sup>11</sup>Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

Pastor Nathan Gragg

*We stand.*

### HYMN OF THE DAY # 325

*I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*

### APOSTLES CREED

Living together in trust and hope, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Each petition ends: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

*We sit.*

### OFFERING

*We share our gifts for those in need and for the mission of the church.*

### CHOIR ANTHEM

*Out of the Wilderness*

*We stand.*

### OFFERTORY HYMN # 188

*Create in Me a Clean Heart*

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Holy and generous host, you set a table where we feast as friends. Prepare us to witness to your goodness with every gift you have given us to share, that all people may know your peace through Jesus Christ, now and forever. **Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER





## LORD'S PRAYER

As Jesus taught us, we are bold to pray: **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**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

God's love is poured out in Christ for you. Come and receive these gifts of grace. **Amen.**

*We sit.*

## AGNUS DEI



- 1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

## DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

*Christ welcomes you to this feast of the baptized!*

*We receive communion today around the Altar rail. As the ushers direct you, proceed down the side aisles, in turn take a spot at the rail kneeling or standing as you are comfortable. Return to your seat by the center aisle.*

## MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

*We stand.*

### **BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION**

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace. **Amen.**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray. We thank you, living God, for the body and blood of your Son, which strengthens us in our weariness and sustains us in the wilderness. As Christ has loved us in this feast, so send us to love Christ in our neighbors. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

### **SENDING OF HOME COMMUNION**

#### **BLESSING**

May Christ, the wisdom and power of God, and the source of our life together, keep you united in mind and purpose. And the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you always. **Amen.**

#### **SENDING HYMN # 326**

***Bless Now, O God, the Journey***

#### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

#### **POSTLUDE**

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## SERVING TODAY

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| Presiding Minister     | Pastor Nathan Gragg  |
| Director of Music      | Julie Branham  |
| Assisting Minister     | Darlene Weight   |
| Reader                 | Walt Hampton   |
| Communion Assistants   | Susan Shumpert, Dave McKinley                                  |
| Crucifer               | Kaylee Keisler   |
| Acolyte                | Krystall Henwood   |
| Ushers                 | Mary Nell Panyard, Thomas Panyard, Steve Wingard, Mark Wingard |
| Chancel and Sacraments | Iris and James Harmon  |
| Children's Church      | Jamie Hampton  |
| Nursery                | Betsy and Riley Burn   |
| Offering Counters      | Laura and Bob McCombs, Diane and Charles Richardson            |



## SERVING NEXT SUNDAY

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|------------------------|--|
| Assisting Minister     | Darlene Weight   |
| Reader                 | Michael Kohn   |
| Communion Assistants   | Lee Caulder, Katie McKinley                                    |
| Crucifer               | Elizabeth Grant  |
| Acolyte                | Cooper Grant   |
| Ushers                 | Mary Nell Panyard, Thomas Panyard, Steve Wingard, Mark Wingard |
| Chancel and Sacraments | Iris and James Harmon  |
| Children's Church      | Carol Hunter   |
| Nursery                | Jan Corley   |
| Offering Counters      | Laura and Bob McCombs, Diane and Charles Richardson            |



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