

# Third Sunday in Lent



March 15, 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.**

+ THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT +

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*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.*

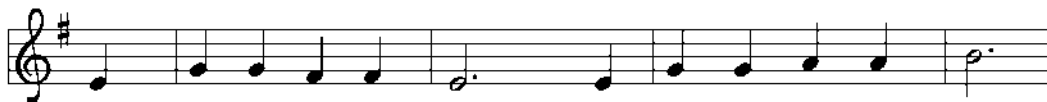
**GATHERING HYMN # 770**

*Give Me Jesus*

## 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

Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through 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

**Exodus 17:1-7**

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup>The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" <sup>3</sup>But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" <sup>4</sup>So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." <sup>5</sup>The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. <sup>6</sup>I will be standing there in front of you on

the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup>He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

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

## **PSALM 95**

Come, let us sing | to the LORD;

let us shout for joy to the rock of | our salvation.

<sup>2</sup>**Let us come before God’s presence | with thanksgiving  
and raise a loud shout to the | LORD with psalms.**

<sup>3</sup>For you, LORD, | are a great God,  
and a great ruler a- | bove all gods.

<sup>4</sup>**In your hand are the caverns | of the earth;  
the heights of the hills are | also yours.**

<sup>5</sup>The sea is yours, | for you made it,  
and your hands have molded | the dry land.

<sup>6</sup>**Come, let us worship | and bow down,  
let us kneel before the | LORD our maker.**

<sup>7</sup>For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God’s pasture  
and the sheep | of God’s hand.

Oh, that today you would | hear God’s voice!

<sup>8</sup>**“Harden | not your hearts,  
as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah | in the desert.**

<sup>9</sup>There your ancestors | tested me,  
they put me to the test, though they had | seen my works.

<sup>10</sup>**Forty years I loathed that gener- | ation, saying,  
‘The heart of this people goes astray; they do not | know my ways.’**

<sup>11</sup>Indeed I swore | in my anger,  
‘They shall never come | to my rest.’ ”

*We sit.*

## SECOND READING

**Romans 5:1-11**

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. <sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup>But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup>Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup>For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup>But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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

## 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

John 4:5-42

*Today's Gospel reading is found on page 94 of the pew bible.*

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

*We sit.*

## SERMON

Pastor Nathan Gragg

*We stand.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY # 777

*Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty*

## 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

*O Lord, I Call to You*

*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.**

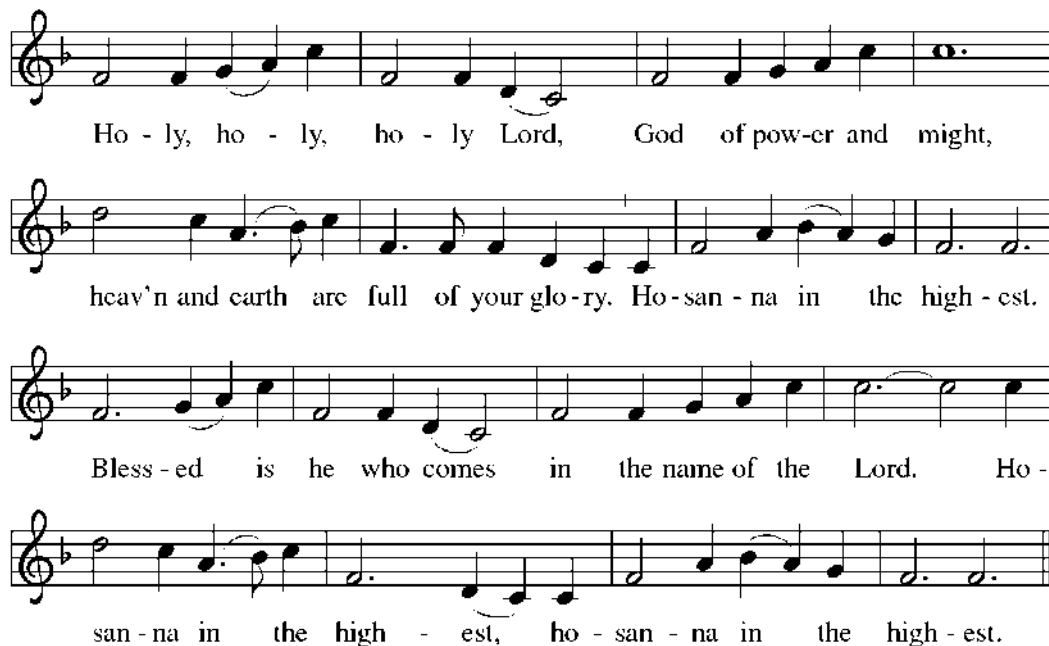
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**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 at the head of the center aisle.*

*As the ushers direct you, proceed down the center aisle in two lines.*

*Receive the bread given to you and continue toward the side aisle nearest you to receive the wine. Return to your seat by the side 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.**

### **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 # 843**

*Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness*

### **DISMISSAL**

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

### **POSTLUDE**



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## SERVING TODAY

Presiding Minister	Pastor Nathan Gragg
Director of Music	Julie Branham
Assisting Minister	Darlene Weight
Reader	Eileen Leaphart
Communion Assistants	Will Reeside, Steve Shumpert
Crucifer	Hannah Elrod
Acolyte	Emerson Fite
Ushers	Mary Nell Panyard, Thomas Panyard, Steve Wingard, Mark Wingard
Chancel and Sacraments	Iris and James Harmon
Children's Church	Wendy Nesmith
Nursery	Jan Corley
Offering Counters	Laura and Bob McCombs, Diane and Charles Richardson



## SERVING NEXT SUNDAY

Assisting Minister	Darlene Weight
Reader	Craig Balch
Communion Assistants	Dianne Richardson, Will Reeside
Crucifer	Caroline Beck
Acolyte	Ainsley Ellisor
Ushers	Mary Nell Panyard, Thomas Panyard, Steve Wingard, Mark Wingard
Chancel and Sacraments	Iris and James Harmon
Children's Church	Jamie Hampton
Nursery	Jessi Hampton
Offering Counters	Laura and Bob McCombs, Diane and Charles Richardson

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ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH 275TH ANNIVERSARY

## History Moment

Zion has been praying for those affected by the coronavirus, but did you know that our congregation was praying for victims of the Spanish Flu during World War I? A young soldier from Zion was drafted and sent to France. His name was Sammie Monts, son of Daniel Jacob Monts. Sammie left Lexington on February 25<sup>th</sup>, 1918 with a group of other draftees from Camp Jackson. He then left for France around May 1<sup>st</sup> of that year. In the 1910 census, Sammie was listed as a farm laborer who couldn't read or write. Neither could his parents. Imagine their feelings when they received a cablegram stating that their son, Samuel Preston Monts, died in France of influenza, September 1<sup>st</sup> at the age of 25 years. According to the Dispatch News, "Sammie was the first soldier from the Lexington area to die in France giving his life for his country and the cause for which it is fighting. He was ready and willing to go to the front from the time he was drafted." Sammie is buried at St. David's Lutheran Church.

We honor all of our veterans and continue to pray for all those in harm's way.