

*We stand.*

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*We stand.*

**GATHERING HYMN # 335**

*Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world 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**


**Exodus 17:1-7**

*After the reading:* The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**


*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 4:5-30, 39-42**

*Before the reading:* The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*After the reading:* The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*We sit.*

**SERMON**

Pastor Nathan Gragg

*Silence for reflection. Pastoral prayer.*

*We stand.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY # 611**

*I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

**APOSTLES' CREED**

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:* Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray. Merciful God, receive the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving and the offering of our lives, that following in the way of the cross, we may know the joy of the resurrection; through Christ our Lord. **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.**

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

**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, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*We sit.*

**COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

*We receive communion this morning at the head of the center aisle. We commune by intinction, hold your bread to dip in wine. Return to your seat by the side aisles.*

*We remain seated.*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*We stand.*

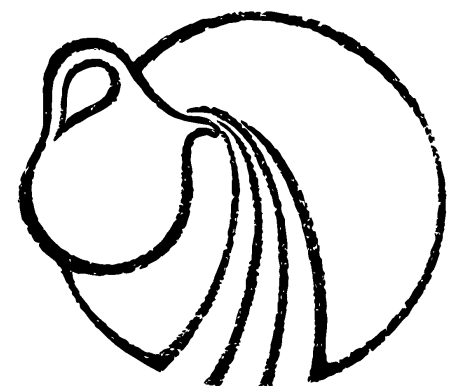
**BLESSING**

**SENDING HYMN # 807**

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

**PEACE**

*We share the Peace of Christ with one another as we depart.*



**Third  
Sunday  
in Lent**

Zion Lutheran Church  
March 19, 2017 + 8:30am  
Morning Communion

You are invited to use this time before worship begins  
for quiet prayer and meditation.

+ Serving in Worship This Morning +

Presiding Minister  
Assisting Minister  
Director of Music

Pastor Nathan Gragg  
Sam Mailleue  
Julie Branham