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**Fist Sunday in Lent**

**March 9, 2025**

**Jesus Christ Is Our Champion Against the Devil**

Jesus Christ, our champion against the devil, endures and overcomes “every temptation” (Luke 4:13) on our behalf. He worships the Lord, His God, and serves Him only by trusting the Word of His Father: “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased” (Luke 3:22). Jesus’ victory is now ours through His gracious Word, which is not far away but near us — in our mouth and in our heart, in the proclamation of repentance and faith. For “with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved” (Rom. 10:10). Our confession of Christ includes the prayer of faith, which is not disappointed, “for ‘everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved’” (Rom. 10:13). The Lord is not oblivious to “our affliction, our toil, and our oppression” (Deut. 26:7), but has mercy upon us. He has brought us out of bondage through the “signs and wonders” of Holy Baptism, “with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm” (Deut. 26:8), and now He leads us by His Spirit even in the wilderness.

**The Lord’s Supper is offered today at Zion**. Communicant members and members of our sister (LCMS) congregations are invited to commune at this altar. Please speak to our pastor if you have any questions about our communion practice. We would love to discuss the doctrine of the Lord’s Supper and joy of Christian fellowship. Please know the gifts of Jesus were given for you—but the proper spiritual preparation for communion is commanded by the Word of God (1 Cor 11:23-29). Those who do not yet commune here may come forward for a blessing (simply fold your arms over your heart to receive a Baptismal blessing) or you may remain in the pew during communion to join us in song and praise. There are no “offering” plates passed during the service. Rather, offering plates are set at the front pew. **You are invited to leave an offering of thanks to Christ on your way to communion** or any time during the first part of the service.

**A PRAYER UPON ENTERING THE LORD’S HOUSE**

O Almighty and eternal God, we implore you to direct, sanctify, and govern our hearts and lives in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments that through your mighty protection, both now and always, we may be preserved in body and in soul; through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God, now and forever. Amen.

**DIVINE SERVICE Setting One**

**HYMN OF INVOCATION**: “Scatter the Darkness, Break the Gloom” LSB #481

**HYMN OF INVOCATION:** “A Mighty Fortress is Our God” *LSB #657*

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**INTROIT** **Psalm 91:1,2,9–13**

*1He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High* **will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.***2I will say to the Lord, “My refuge and my fortress,* **my God, in whom I trust.”**

*9Because you have made the Lord your dwelling place—* **the Most High, who is my refuge—***10no evil shall be allowed to befall you,* **no plague come near your tent.**

*11For he will command his angels concerning you* **to guard you in all your ways.**12*On their hands they will bear you up,* **lest you strike your foot against a stone.***13You will tread on the lion and the adder;* **the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
 and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
 is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

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**O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING:** Deuteronomy 26:1-11

**EPISTLE READING:** Romans 10:8b-13

**VERSE FOR LENT:** Page 157

**HOLY GOSPEL:** Luke 4:1-13

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**HYMN OF THE DAY:** *“*O Christ, You Walked the Road” *LSB #424*

**SERMON:** “It’s Lent – For a Change” Luke 4:1-13

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:** (See Prayer List on Page 6 of Bulletin)

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**DISTRIBUTION:** “O Lord, We Praise Thee” *LSB #617*

“Preserve Your Word, O Savior” *LSB #658*

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus” *LSB #770*

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**CLOSING:** “O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days” *LSB #418*

**Our Lord’s Current Business**

**The apostle Paul wrote:** “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved” (Romans 10:13). So we call on God’s name and rejoice! Welcome.

*God, when I’m tempted to trust other people or things more than you, lead me by your Spirit, as you led Jesus in the wilderness. Amen.*

**There is a new “Call List” from the Call Committee** as in insert in the bulletin this week. The committee met on March 3 and will be meeting again on March 10 to go over information regarding the ministers on this list. They will also be going over questions that will be asked of these ministers as they proceed to interview them as a Call Committee. Please watch the bulletin for further information as it becomes available. If you have any questions, please contact a member of the Call Committee: John Schultz, Dan Heike, Jane Reineke, Jeremy Anderson, Joel Lewiston, Matt Mohn, and Laura Nowaskey.

**Maple Syrup fundraiser** - are you looking for the perfect pancake topper? We are happy to offer a solution! The Bechel’s are working with the youth group to provide syrup for you and a fundraiser for the youth. There will be sheets in the Resource Room for you to pre-order local maple syrup. Thank you so much for your support! Watch for details about delivery.

**Confirmation Corner**

March 9 - As we observe Lent,   our confirmands look at the Fourth and Fifth Petitions of The Lord's Prayer. We learn about the gift of forgiveness and how we respond to "our daily bread." Next week, we will explore the meanings of the Sixth & Seventh Petitions. In the Sixth Petition, “And lead us not into temptation,”  we will look at the things that tempt us away from the faith, and how God equips us to resist those temptations through His Word.  In the Seventh Petition, “But deliver us from evil,”  the confirmands will come to understand the hope of deliverance that is theirs as God’s redeemed children.

**Sunday School -** On March 9, we will look at the prophet Jeremiah. He told the people about the New Covenant that God would one day establish.  Jeremiah 31:31-34 will be a key verse the students will look at.  Classes begin at 10:30 in the downstairs gathering space.  Please join us as we learn about God's promises.

**Sunday Morning Adult Class** - Sunday, March 9 we continue with the series "The Hand of the Lord."  We will look at how the Lord creates and saves His people through His Hand. We will look at the account of Jesus walking on the water as we see how He daily sustains us. Join us in the fellowship hall at 10:30 as we see how God's mighty saving hand is seen in the Old Testament and how His great redemption is accomplished through Christ.

**Middle & Senior High Bible Class** - **Middle & Senior High Bible Class** - We meet every Sunday at 10:30. The junior high group is currently walking through the Old Testament to discover the promises of God. The senior high group will use our Lenten series as a basis for their Sunday morning class.

**Adult choir** - Do you love the more contemplative songs of Lent? How about the joyous Easter time?  We cover all that in choir!  It's a great time to sing as we rejoice in what Christ has done for us.  Instead of giving something up for Lent, consider adding something that may draw you closer to Him.  We meet Thursday nights from 6:30-7:30.  There is an open space for you!

**Senior High Youth** - Mark March 30 on your calendar.  We are in the process of planning a funevent.  This will begin at noon.  Watch for more details!

**Wednesday Lent Series Midweek of Lent 1**

When Peter walked out onto the water, he began to sink as he took his eyes off Jesus. But the Lord was quick to reach His hand down to save him. When Christ walked on the water, He demonstrated that He is God in the flesh, through whom all things were created. It is all the work of His hands. In saving Peter, He also showed that He is compassionate. In our helpless state, Christ has reached down to pull us from the pit of despair.

**Lenten Devotionals Available** -We have available "The Hand of the Lord" Lenten daily devotionals to help you in your personal devotion time this Lent.  Please take advantage of this free resource this Lenten season. Available in the Narthex and Resource Room.

**Lenten Services** - Each Wednesday during Lent we offer two services using our Lenten theme.  The first service is at 11:00 with a light meal following.  The second service is at 7:00 p.m. with a meal served before.  We encourage you to join us for this time of worship and fellowship.

**Quilters** would appreciate any queen or king size flat sheets in gently used or new condition. These sheets will become part of the beautiful quilts that are given to individual’s in need. Thank you. 😊

**Thrivent Choice Dollar**-Eligible Thrivent clients can recommend where Thrivent distributes some of its charitable grant funds. These funds are called Choice Dollars and are accessed by signing into your account or contacting your agent. Choice Dollars can be designated after February 1 and during the calendar year and up until March 31 of the following year.

**Our Lord’s On-Going Business**

**Beautiful boxes & individual cards** are on display in the Resource Center. Easter cards are also now available.  We are offering cards at the usual 50 cents.  Monies can be left with our AA Diane or put in the church "bank" on the card shelf or given to Brenda McKissick.

**There is** also a wide variety of puzzles to be borrowed, enjoyed and brought back for others to enjoy in the Resource Center. Feel free to help yourself.

If you are in need of church envelopes, please call the church office at 715-926-3664 or email at [office@zionmondovi.com](mailto:office@zionmondovi.com). A box will have your number placed on the envelopes and be placed in your mailbox in the narthex.

**Bulletin or newsletter** announcements can be summited to [office@zionmonodvi.com](mailto:office@zionmonodvi.com), call the office at 715-926-3664 or leave a written note in Diane’s mailbox.

**ZION’S PRAYER LIST:**

**The call process** here at Zion for guidance on decisions being God’s Will.

**For** **those seeking healing**: Roger & Patti Koenig, Ruth Larson, Lavina Johnson, Ruth Kent, Marvin Meier, Scott Anderson, Jeff Kacures, Mary Rolandt, Luther Larson, Susan Loomis, Ed Gunderson, Ron Laehn, Marge Linse, Peggy Waldbillig, Elsie Steinbach, Jackie, Shadie, Savannah Au, Donna Seltrecht, David Bloss, Jean Fleming,

**Thanksgiving for those celebrating birthdays**: Joe Radle, Bob Johnson, Emily Fluekigers, Justin Kummer, Rob Johnson, Pual Ring, Loretta Roetter, Robin Taylor, Selene Altamirano, Roger Gavin.

*\*LaRae Grotzinger has volunteered to help coordinate our prayer chain. If you have any updates to this list, please contact her (*.*), the office, or Pastor . You may**also utilize the prayer box found in the narthex.*

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**OUR WEEK’S WORK**

**March 10-16, 2025**

MON. Call Committee 6:30 p.m.

Monday Night Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

TUES. Circuit Pastors’ Meeting 9:00 a.m.

Evangelism Meeting 6:00 p.m.

WED. Quilters 9:30 a.m.

Lenten Service 11:00 a.m.

Lenten Meal 11:45 a.m.

Lenten Meal 5:15 p.m.

Confirmation 5:30 p.m.

Lenten Service 7:00 p.m.

THURS. Ladies Society 1:00 p.m.

Choir Practice 6:30 p.m.

SAT. BASIC Deadline

SUN. Divine Service 9:00 a.m.

Christian Education 10:30 a.m.

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**A Stewardship Thought**

**Luke 4:8 –** “And Jesus answered him, ‘It is written ...’” Isn’t it interesting that Jesus does not defeat Satan with His power as God, but rather by His perfect obedience in His perfect humanity? Jesus defeats Satan not by miracles, but by quoting the Scriptures and living according to it. This should cause us great joy for two reasons. First, because we see Jesus win the victory for us. Second, because here Jesus shows us how to stand in that victory: on the Word of God alone. Let us build our lives on the sure rock of this Word!

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**OUR WORSHIP LAST WEEK**

Attendance

Wednesday 26 Sunday 86

Sunday School 10

General Offering: $ 3333.50

TIM $ 5.00

Labor of Love $ 20.00

National Youth Gathering $ 125.00

Offerings thru February 2025 $ 32,130.00

Expenses thru February 2025 $ 27,301.00

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**SERVING THIS WEEK**

**March 5 & 9 2025**

Accom: Mary Gehrke

Elder: David Reineke Weds. 11:00 a.m.

Joe Osenga Weds 7:00 p.m.

David Reineke Sun. 9:00 a.m.

Usher: Butch Waldbillig Weds. 11:00 a.m.

Larry Anderson Weds. 7:00 p.m.

John Schultz Sun. 9:00 a.m.

Greeter Brenda McKissick Weds. 11:00 a.m.

Jeanne Anderson Weds. 7:00 p.m.

Julie Kacures Sun. 9:00 a.m.

Acolyte: Mason McDonough Weds. 7:00 p.m.

Makinley McDonough Weds. 7:00 p.m.

Matthew Triggs Sun. 9:00 a.m.

Keegan Hill Sun. 9:00 a.m.

Screen: Julie Kacures Sun. 9:00 a.m.

Counters: Chris Heike & Jeremy Anderson

Altar Guild: Susan Loomis & Diane Pfund

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**SERVING NEXT WEEK SCHEDULE**

**March 12 & 16, 2025**

Accom: Mary Gehrke

Elder: Gene Schultz Weds 7:00 p.m.

David Reineke Sun. 9:00 a.m.

Usher: Rich Brion Weds. 11:00 a.m.

Louis Moyer Weds. 7:00 p.m.

Galen Aase Sun. 9:00 a.m.

Greeter Bev Brion Weds. 11:00 a.m.

Nancy Jardine Weds. 7:00 p.m.

Audrey Aase Sun. 9:00 a.m.

Acolyte: Sullivan Rud Weds. 7:00 p.m.

Braelee Unser Weds. 7:00 p.m.

Reid Williamson Sun. 9:00 a.m.

Kate Williamson Sun. 9:00 a.m.

Screen: Vicki Howell Sun. 9:00 a.m.

Counters: Margaret Ronnei & Brenda McKissick

Altar Guild: Susan Loomis & Diane Pfund