



## **ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL**

**15342 Jeraldo Drive  
Victorville, California 92394**

***Church: 760-245-9725***

***School: 760-243-3074***

***www.zionvv.org***

*Zion Lutheran Church — A Joyous Oasis Sharing Life Through Christ*

*(Large-print bulletins are available from the ushers)*

**WELCOME TO ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH!** If you are visiting with us, we thank God you are here and pray that God's Word will speak to your heart today. If you are looking for a church home, we hope Zion can meet your needs. Please introduce yourself to the pastor.

**HOLY COMMUNION** is God's gift for his baptized people. In this Meal we receive the true body and blood of Jesus to assure us of forgiveness and to strengthen our faith. We invite confirmed Lutherans and those who have been instructed in the meaning of the Sacrament to commune. Please talk with the Pastor if you have questions. (You may want to use the "Christian Questions," *LW* hymnal p. 306, or the prayers on p. 128.) The light-colored glasses in the middle of the tray are for those who cannot drink alcohol.

**ALL WORSHIPERS** are asked to sign the *Friendship Register* and check the appropriate boxes. Return the book to the end of the pew and learn the names of those with whom you are worshipping. ***(First time visitors are asked to fill out a yellow Welcome card in the pew rack and place it into the offering plate. We are happy you are here!)***

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** – Sunday School and Bible Classes for all ages meet in the Fellowship Hall at 10:30 am.

**ARE YOU PLANNING A TRIP?** Don't forget to plan for church as well. If you are traveling to New Castle, Pennsylvania you can worship at Christ LC at 10:30 am. Check out their website [christlutheran-newcastle.org](http://christlutheran-newcastle.org). Call our church office for information on your destination. If there is a particular church you would like us to pray for, please let us know.

**ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES** are available at the sound booth. For assistance, please contact an usher.

**LENTEN DEVOTIONALS** are available in the narthex. They are a great resource for your private devotional time. Pick up one today!

**PORTALS OF PRAYER** booklets are available in the narthex. Pick one up to use in your personal and family devotions.

# THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

March 23, 2025

WE ARE ONE CHRISTIAN FAMILY LED BY GOD'S WORD AND THE  
HOLY SPIRIT INTO LOVING SERVICE.

Our values are  
Bible Based Preaching, Spiritual Growth, Great Commission (Go,  
Make Disciples...)

## PRELUDE

## GREETING

## THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you

C: And also with you.

## OPENING HYMN "Great Is thy Faithfulness" LSB 809

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
There is no shadow of turning with thee;  
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;  
As thou hast been, thou forever wilt be. *(Chorus)*

Summer and winter and spring-time and harvest,  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *(Chorus)*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *(Chorus)*

### *Chorus*

Great is thy faithfulness!  
Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided;  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

## INVOCATION

*(ref. Matthew 18:20)*

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. *(1 John 1:8)*

**C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *(1 John 1:9)***

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father. *(ref. Ps 32:5)*

**C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

P: Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for you and for his sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word I announce the grace of God to you: your sin is forgiven in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *(Ref. Matt. 18:18; John 20:22-23)*

**C: Amen.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE "Christ the Life of All the Living" LW 94 v1

**Christ, the life of all the living, Christ, the death of death, our foe,  
Christ, yourself for me once giving to the darkest depths of woe:  
Through your suff'ring, death, and merit Life eternal I inherit.  
Thousand, thousand thanks are due, dearest Jesus, unto you.**

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray...

**C: Amen**

## **OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Deuteronomy 8:10-18**

**When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the Lord your God for the good land he has given you. 11 Be careful that you do not forget the Lord your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws and his decrees that I am giving you this day. 12 Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, 13 and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, 14 then your heart will become proud and you will forget the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. 15 He led you through the vast and dreadful wilderness, that thirsty and waterless land, with its venomous snakes and scorpions. He brought you water out of hard rock. 16 He gave you manna to eat in the wilderness, something your ancestors had never known, to humble and test you so that in the end it might go well with you. 17 You may say to yourself, "My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me." 18 But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your ancestors, as it is today.**

**R: This is the Word of the Lord.**

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Corinthians 1:26-31**

**Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. 27 But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. 28 God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, 29 so that no one may boast before him. 30 It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. 31 Therefore, as it is written: "Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord."**

**R: This is the Word of the Lord.**

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **HOLY GOSPEL Luke 13:10-17**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

**On a Sabbath Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues, 11 and a woman was there who had been crippled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not straighten up at all. 12 When Jesus saw her, he called her forward and said to her, "Woman, you are set free from your infirmity." 13 Then he put his hands on her, and immediately she straightened up and praised God. 14 Indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, the synagogue leader said to the people, "There are six days for work. So come and be healed on those days, not on the Sabbath." 15 The Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Doesn't each of you on the Sabbath untie your ox or donkey from the stall and lead it out to give it water? 16 Then should not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has kept bound for eighteen long years, be set free on the Sabbath day from what bound her?" 17 When he said this, all his opponents were humiliated, but the people were delighted with all the wonderful things he was doing.**

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**HYMN OF THE DAY "Jesus Sinners Will Receive" LW 229 alt tune LW 139**

**Jesus sinners will receive; may they all this saying ponder  
Who in sin's delusions live and from God and heaven wander!  
Here is hope for all who grieve: Jesus sinners will receive.**

**We deserve but grief and shame, yet his words, rich grace revealing  
Pardon, peace, and life proclaim. Here our ills have perfect healing;  
We with humble hearts believe Jesus sinners will receive.**

**When their sheep have lost their way, faithful shepherds go to seek  
them;  
Jesus watches all who stray, faithfully to find and take them  
In his arms that they may live—Jesus sinners will receive.**

**Come, O sinners, one and all, come, accept his invitation;  
Come, obey his gracious call, come and take his free salvation!  
Firmly in these words believe: Jesus sinners will receive.**

**Jesus sinners will receive. Even me he has forgiven;  
And when I this earth must leave, I shall find an open heaven.  
Dying, still to him I cleave—Jesus sinners will receive.**

## **SERMON**

## **CONFESSION OF FAITH      APOSTLES CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH - concluding with**

**P:** Lord in your mercy...

**C:** Hear our prayer.

## **OFFERTORY**

**C:** Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence, And take not your Holy Spirit  
From me. Restore to me The joy of your salvation and uphold me with  
your free Spirit.

## **THE SERVICE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

### **PREFACE**

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

**P:** Lift your hearts and hands in praise

**C:** We lift them to the Lord.

**P:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C:** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

**P:** It is truly good, right, and helpful... evermore praising you and singing:

**C:** Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full

**of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

## **PRAYERS AND THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**P:** Lord Jesus, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C:** **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.**

**P:** Our Lord on the night he was betrayed . . .

**P:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C:** **And also with you.**

## **AGNUS DEI**

**C:** **Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

## **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

## **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

## **BENEDICTION**

*(Numbers 6:24-26)*

**P:** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**C:** **Amen**

## **CLOSING HYMN "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" LW 115**

**When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.**

**Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ, My  
God;**

**All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.**



**See, from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled  
down;  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a  
crown?**

**Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a tribute far too  
small;  
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.**

*Silent prayer*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**POSTLUDE**

**SERVING TODAY**

**Duty Lay Minister:** Sun: Chuck Knapp  
**Acolyte:** Sun: Jorge Gomez  
**Readers:** Sun: Debra Kleinsmith  
**Altar Care:** Sat: Beth Erickson/Caroline Peterson  
Sun: Shellee Zillner  
**Song Leaders:** Wendy Waiwood  
**Sound Technicians:** Rob Waiwood  
Meaghan Imes  
Zack Bottom  
**Counters:** Christy Bottom/Linda Bowers

**THIS WEEK AT ZION March 9, 2025**

**Sunday** **Lent 1**  
Worship 9:00 am  
Live Stream YouTube *zionvvlive* 9:00 am  
Sunday School & ZLYF 10:30 am  
**Monday**  
Confirmation 4:00 pm  
School Board 6:00 pm  
**Wednesday**  
School Chapel 9:15 am  
Ladies Bible Study 12:30 pm  
Soup Supper 5:30 pm  
Lenten Worship 7:00 pm  
**Saturday**  
Devotion Communion Service 6:00 pm

**Altar Flowers** are given in celebration of Conni Morrison's birthday. Thank you!

**Remember Your Zion Family in Prayer**

**Healing:** Conni Morrison, Jean Patterson, Lerma Bockhorn,  
Ruth Reynolds, Calvin Cullipo, Jonah Dimas, John Asta

**For our Homebound:** Bob Dunnerman, Elmer Lenz

**Anniversaries:** Keith & Michelle Dale

**Birthdays:** Conni Morrison, Ella Gauldin, Lewis Busch, Wendy Waiwood, Geraldine  
Becker

**MIDWEEK LENTEN VESPERS** are at 7 p.m. each Wednesday. Soup Supper begins at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. If you can provide salad, soup or dessert for any of the suppers, it would be greatly appreciated.

**EASTER TREATS** ~ You can help support our school by ordering some delicious Easter treats from the school PTG. Check out the order form in the narthex. Orders due Thursday, April 10 for delivery on Thursday, April 17 (Maundy Thursday). Thank you for your support! If you have any questions, please contact Lori Knapp at the school.

**CANDY DONATIONS** ~ An Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Easter Sunday. We are looking for donations of wrapped candy. Place your donations in the marked basket in the narthex. Call Shellee Zillner for more information (760-686-4025). Thank You!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL & ADULT BIBLE CLASS:** Join us at 10:30am this Sunday for Sunday School and Adult Bible Class. The Adult Class is studying the Book of Daniel.

**LADIES BIBLE STUDY:** Join us this Wednesday at 12:30 pm for our Ladies Bible Study. The current study is called "*Give It Up For Lent*".

**2025 FLOWER CHART:** The Flower Chart for 2025 is posted in the Narthex. Information and Instructions are posted above the Flower Chart.

**THE COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD** is collecting a 'potluck' donation during the month of March: canned tuna, chicken or beef, bags of rice or beans, Vienna sausages, hot cocoa mix, and /or any of the things we've collected over the past year. Ziplock® bags, paper towels, toothpaste and tooth brushes, bar soap and shaving cream are also welcome. Please place your donations in one of the collection baskets in the narthex. Thank you for your help!

**THE LUTHERAN WITNESS**, the magazine of our church, contains informational and devotional articles. The cost is **\$20.65** for the year. To subscribe, put your check or cash into the plate or the office drop-box by **May 1**, along with your name and address.

**NEW DIRECTORIES** – New church directories are available. If you did not receive one in your mailbox, you can pick up one in the narthex.

**Ministry Staff**

Lewis Busch, Pastor

Lani Sanders, Family Life Ministry Asst.

Rosemarie Carrizosa, E. C. Dir.

Charlene Perry, Secretary

Lisa Reimers, Church Bookkeeper

