



Zion Lutheran Church – LCMS  
20-141 County Road X – P.O. Box 37 – Ridgeville Corners, OH 43555  
Phone: (419)267-3429 Email: zionrco@bright.net  
Education Hour 8:45 AM - Divine Worship 10:00 AM  
Communion First and Third Sundays  
Rev. Dr. Carl Rockrohr, Pastor  
Phone: (419)267-3429 Email: pastor.zionrco@bright.net

**Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021**  
**The First Sunday in Lent**

Prelude  
Tower Bells and Welcome  
Announcements

*Visitors are encouraged to note their attendance by filling out the "Welcome" side (blue print) of the pew cards and putting the card into the offering plate near the entrance doors. Those taking Communion are asked to fill out the "Communion" side (black print) of the card. Completed cards may be also left on the pew seat.*

*Worship Note: Face covering must be used at all times except for eating and drinking the Lord's Supper. Thus, the congregation is invited to speak and sing the parts in bold type through a face covering.*

*Those not taking the Lord's Supper may leave at the close of the Service of the Word as indicated in the bulletin.*

*Those taking the Lord's Supper may leave through any door immediately after their table is dismissed or return to their pew until the end of the Service of the Sacrament.*

Opening Hymn

*Christ Is Our Cornerstone*

**LSB 912**

1 Christ is our cornerstone,  
On Him alone we build;  
With His true saints alone  
The courts of heav'n are filled.  
On His great love  
Our hopes we place  
Of present grace  
And joys above.

2 Here may we gain from heav'n  
The grace which we implore,  
And may that grace, once giv'n,  
Be with us evermore  
Until that day  
When all the blest  
To endless rest  
Are called away.

3 (*Stand*) Oh, then, with hymns of praise  
These hallowed courts shall ring;  
Our voices we will raise  
The Three in One to sing  
And thus proclaim  
In joyful song,  
Both loud and long,  
That glorious name.

Confession and Absolution

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

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C: who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

Lord, have mercy; **Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

### Service of the Word

Introit Psalm 32

1 Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,  
**whose sin is covered.**

2 Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,  
**and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

3 For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away  
**through my groaning all day long.**

4 For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;  
**my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

5 I acknowledged my sin to you,

and I did not cover my iniquity;

**I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

6 Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found;  
**surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.**

7 You are a hiding place for me;  
**you preserve me from trouble;  
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.**

8 I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;

**I will counsel you with my eye upon you.**

9 Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding,

**which must be curbed with bit and bridle, or it will not stay near you.**

10 Many are the sorrows of the wicked, **but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.**

11 Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous,

**and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.      **C: And also with you.**

**All: O 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      Genesis 3:1-21

1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made.

He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?" 2 And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, 3 but God said, You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die." 4 But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. 5 For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." 6 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. 7 Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

8 And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. 9 But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" 10 And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." 11 He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" 12 The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." 13 Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

14 The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life.

15 I will put enmity between you and the woman,  
and between your offspring and her offspring;

he shall bruise your head,  
and you shall bruise his heel.”

16 To the woman he said,  
“I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing;  
in pain you shall bring forth children.  
Your desire shall be contrary to your husband,

but he shall rule over you.”

17 And to Adam he said,  
“Because you have listened to the voice of your wife  
and have eaten of the tree  
of which I commanded you,

‘You shall not eat of it,’  
cursed is the ground because of you;  
in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life;

18 thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;  
and you shall eat the plants of the field.

19 By the sweat of your face  
you shall eat bread,  
till you return to the ground,  
for out of it you were taken;  
for you are dust,

and to dust you shall return.”

20 The man called his wife's name Eve,  
because she was the mother of all living. 21  
And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

New Testament Reading One 2 Corinthians 6:1-10

1 Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. 2 For he says,

“In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you.”

Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. 3 We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, 4 but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, 5 beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; 6 by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; 7 by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; 8 through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; 9 as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; 10 as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

New Testament Reading Two Hebrews 4:14-16

14 Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. 15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize

with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading                      Matthew 4:1-11 (*Stand*)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourth chapter.

**C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

1 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. 2 And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. 3 And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." 4 But he answered, "It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

5 Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple 6 and said 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, lest you strike your foot against a stone."

7 Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, You shall not put the Lord your God to the test." 8 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. 9 And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." 10 Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written,

"You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve."

11 Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon Hymn

*O Christ, You Walked the Road*

**LSB 424**

1 O Christ, You walked the road  
Our wandering feet must go.  
You faced temptation's power  
And fought our ancient foe.

2 No bread on earth alone  
Can fill our hungering hearts.

Lord, help us seek Your living Word,  
The food Your grace imparts.

3 No binding sign we ask,  
No wonder from above.

Lord, help us place our trust alone  
In Your unswerving love.

4 When lures of easy gain  
With promise brightly shine,  
Lord, help us seek Your kingdom first;  
Our wills with Yours align.

5 O Christ, You walked the road  
Our wandering feet must go.  
Stay with us through temptation's hour  
To fight our ancient foe.

Sermon "God does not lie. Flee deceit, it is of the devil."  
Genesis 3; Psalm 32:2; Numbers 23:19, Titus 1:1-3, Matthew 4:1-11

Nicene Creed

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from Heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made Man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayer of Zion Lutheran Church

In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the Lord's guidance, that as God led His ancient people through the desert and brought them to the Promised Land, we may follow our Savior through the wilderness of this world and toward the glory of the world to come, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For new and contrite hearts, that we may receive God's absolution lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, yet in the confidence that He disdains nothing He has made and forgives the sins of those who are penitent, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the Church, her ministers and her people, that God would stretch forth the right hand of His majesty to defend us from those who rise up against her, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all catechumens and their teachers, all children and their parents, and every Christian home, that God would preserve them from the assaults of the evil one and, as Christ overcame Satan in the

desert by the Word of God, also give us the victory through Him and His Word, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For divine wisdom and protection for all leaders in government and civil service; for law-enforcement, firefighters, emergency crews, medical workers, educators, counselors, military personnel, chaplains, nursing caretakers, retail and transportation workers and all food producers, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For peace, that as we sojourn in the wilderness of this earth, God would by His might defend us and our nation against all enemies, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the needy, the sick and the troubled [*especially \_\_\_\_\_*]; and that God would send His holy angels to protect and keep us in His ways, that no evil may befall us, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord God, heavenly Father, inasmuch as the adversary continually afflicts us and as a roaring lion walks about, seeking to devour us:

**We implore You for the sake of the suffering and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, to help us by the grace of the Holy Spirit and to strengthen our hearts by Your Word, that our enemy may not prevail over us, but that we may evermore abide in Your grace and be preserved unto everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

+ + +

*Please contact Pastor Rockrohr for changes to the prayer list.*

Luther's Morning Prayer

**I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction for the Service of the Word

O Lord, hear my prayer. **And let my cry come to You.**

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all. **Amen.**

*Remain standing for the hymn and beginning Service of the Sacrament liturgy. Those not staying for Holy Communion may quietly exit the church during the following hymn.*

Hymn

*Your Table I Approach (vs 1-3)*

**LSB 628**

1 Your table I approach;  
Dear Savior, hear my prayer.  
Let not an unrepentant heart  
Prove hurtful to me there.

A contrite heart is sure to find  
Forgiveness at Your hands.

2 Lord, I confess my sins  
And mourn their wretched bands;

3 Your body and Your blood,  
Once slain and shed for me,  
Are taken at Your table, Lord,  
In blest reality.

### **Service of the Sacrament**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**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: Almighty God, at Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You did not spare Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many.

As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

**C: Amen.**

The Words of Our Lord for His Holy Supper      LSB 209

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

**C: (Sing. Tune on page 198 of LSB.) O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen. (Congregation may be seated.)**

*Distribution notes: After each communing group has been dismissed from the Lord's Table, they may either directly exit the church using any door, or may return to their pew for the end of the Service of Sacrament.*



Distribution *Special Table*

Distribution Hymns

*Your Table I Approach (vs 4-6)*  
*Jesus Comes Today with Healing*  
*Be Still, My Soul*

**LSB 628**  
**LSB 620**  
**LSB 752**

*(NOTE: Not all hymns/verses may be needed. Organist will play as needed.)*

628 (vs 4-6)

4 Search not how this takes place,  
This wondrous mystery;  
God can accomplish vastly more  
Than what we think could be.

May not about this sacrament  
Raise doubt within my mind.

5 O grant, most blessed Lord,  
That earth and hell combined

6 Oh, may I never fail  
To thank You day and night  
For Your true body and true blood,  
O God, my peace and light.

+ + + + +

620

1 Jesus comes today with healing,  
Knocking at my door, appealing,  
Off'ring pardon, grace, and peace.  
He Himself makes preparation,  
And I hear His invitation:  
"Come and taste the blessed feast."

Very Lamb of God from heaven,  
Who to bitter death was given,  
Hung upon the cursed tree.

2 Christ Himself, the priest presiding,  
Yet in bread and wine abiding  
In this holy sacrament,  
Gives the bread of life, once broken,  
And the cup, the precious token  
Of His sacred covenant.

4 God descends with heav'nly power,  
Gives Himself to me this hour  
In this ordinary sign.  
On my tongue His pledge receiving,  
I accept His grace, believing  
That I taste His love divine.

3 Under bread and wine, though lowly,  
I receive the Savior holy,  
Blood and body, giv'n for me,

5 Let me praise God's boundless favor,  
Whose own feast of love I savor,  
Bidden by His gracious call.  
Wedding garments He provides me,  
With a robe of white He hides me,  
Fits me for the royal hall.

6 Now have I found consolation,  
Comfort in my tribulation,  
Balm to heal the troubled soul.

God, my shield from ev'ry terror,  
Cleanses me from sin and error,  
Makes my wounded spirit whole.

Text: © David W. Rogner. Used by permission: Zion LC no. 10004497

+ + + + +

752

1 Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side;  
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;  
Leave to your God to order and provide;  
In ev'ry change He faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul; your best, your heav'nly  
Friend  
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

2 Be still, my soul; your God will undertake  
To guide the future as He has the past.  
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;  
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still  
know  
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt  
below.

3 Be still, my soul, though dearest friends  
depart  
And all is darkened in the vale of tears;  
Then you will better know His love, His heart,  
Who comes to soothe your sorrows and your  
fears.  
Be still, my soul; your Jesus can repay  
From His own fulness all He takes away.

4 Be still, my soul; the hour is hast'ning on  
When we shall be forever with the Lord,  
When disappointment, grief, and fear are  
gone,  
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.  
Be still, my soul; when change and tears are  
past,  
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

*Nunc Dimittus (After the Pastor has put communion items away, he will lead the congregation in singing the Nunc Dimittis. Tune page 199-200 of LSB.)*

**Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou has prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Closing Collect

P: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

P: The Lord be with you.  
P: Bless we the Lord.

**C: And with thy spirit.**  
**C: Thanks be to God.**

### Benediction for Service of the Sacrament

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace. **Amen.**

### Closing Hymn

### *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*

**LSB 924**

1 Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing;  
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
Let us each, Your love possessing,  
Triumph in redeeming grace.  
O refresh us, O refresh us,  
Trav'ling through this wilderness.

In our hearts and lives abound.  
Ever faithful, ever faithful  
To Your truth may we be found.

2 Thanks we give and adoration  
For Your Gospel's joyful sound.  
May the fruits of Your salvation

3 Savior, when Your love shall call us  
From our struggling pilgrim way,  
Let not fear of death appall us,  
Glad Your summons to obey.  
May we ever, may we ever  
Reign with You in endless day.

### Silent Prayer, Extinguish Candles

### Postlude

### Depart in His Peace

### Acknowledgments

Divine Service from Lutheran Service Book Unless otherwise indicated, Scripture quotations are from the ESV® Bible (The Holy Bible, English Standard Version®), copyright © 2001 by Crossway, a publishing ministry of Good News Publishers. Used by permission. All rights reserved. Created by Lutheran Service Builder © 2020 Concordia Publishing House. Zion Lutheran Prayer adapted from LC-MS Three-Year Series Prayers - <https://www.lcms.org/worship/one-year-series-prayers>

+ + +

### **Zion Lutheran Church's Belief and Practice of the Lord's Supper**

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's Body and Blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor.

For further study: Matthew 5:23f.; 10:32f., 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Corinthians 10:14-22; 11:17-34.