

Third Sunday in Lent March 3, 2024

ZION EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH, MONROE, MI

(Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)

IN JESUS' NAME WE WELCOME YOU!

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WELCOME TO ZION. It is our hope and prayer that the message you hear today from God's Word will strengthen your faith and fill your heart with the peace only God can give and the joy we have in believing that JESUS CHRIST is our Savior from sin.

Worship Focus: God wants to be first in our lives. The lessons also show us Christ's obedience and assure us of the salvation we have through Christ's work.

This is the Third Sunday in Lent. The season of Lent leads the Church on a forty-day journey of repentance and prayer, of remembrance and renewal of our baptism. God calls to mankind: Return to the Lord! Even though the Church's Lenten worship is muted and quiet, the focus of the season is not Good Friday, but Easter! Sunday worship in the season of Lent is designed to be islands of refreshment in our Lenten walk. Here is refreshment for the Lenten journey: Your Savior has defeated the devil and his temptations for you. The promise comes by faith and is meant for all people. Though you were born in the blindness of sin, the light of the world shines upon you and lets you see. New life in the light of Christ leads you to selfless service until the day he makes good on his greatest promise—the resurrection. What can we say in response to love so great? Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

OUR FAMILY AT WORSHIP

BATHROOMS are located in the back of church, just down the hall toward the school. Please ask an usher for help finding them.

HEARING ASSISTANCE EQUIPMENT is available as part of our sound system. Individual hand-held units are available. Please check with an usher if you would like a unit for today's worship service.

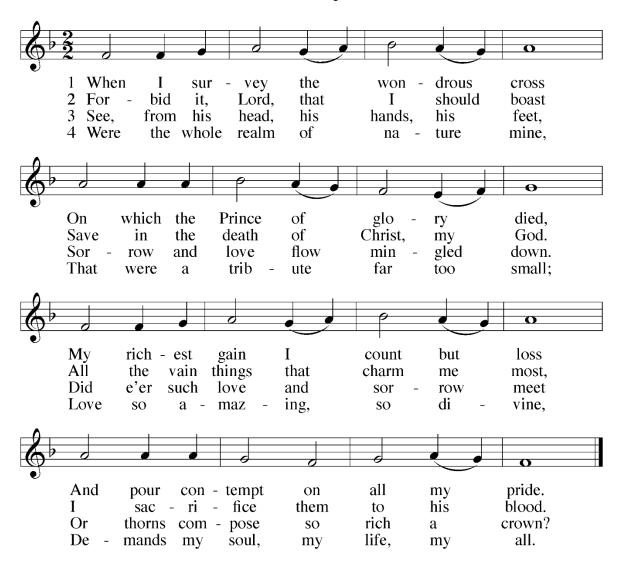
VISITORS are asked to please sign our fellowship registry in the back of church so that we will have a record of your visit. Thank you for joining us today!

PRELUDE MUSIC: Lentamente

Looking Toward the Cross Zion School Chimes A & B Sergei Rachmaninoff Gerald Peterson **OPENING HYMN:** CW 125

LENT

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross



Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, abr., alt.

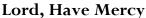
Tune: HAMBURG (LM) Lowell Mason, 1792–1872.

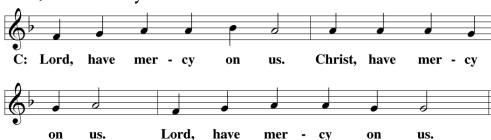
P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



CONFESSION OF SINS

- P: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.





P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.



PRAYER AND PRAISE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.



P: Let us pray.

P: Almighty God, look with favor on your humble servants and stretch out the right hand of your power to defend us against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Be Seated

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON Exodus 20:1-17

20 Then God spoke all these words: 2 I am the LORD your God, who brought you out from the land of Egypt, where you were slaves. ³ You shall have no other gods beside me. ⁴ You shall not make any carved image for yourself or a likeness of anything in heaven above, or on the earth below, or in the waters under the earth. 5 Do not bow down to them or be subservient to them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God. I follow up on the guilt of the fathers with their children, their grandchildren, and their great-grandchildren, if they also hate me. ⁶ But I show mercy to thousands who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not permit anyone who misuses his name to escape unpunished. ⁸ Remember the Sabbath day by setting it apart as holy. Six days you are to serve and do all your regular work, but the seventh day shall be a sabbath rest to the LORD your God. Do not do any regular work, neither you, nor your sons or daughters, nor your male or female servants, nor your cattle, nor the alien who is residing inside your gates, ¹¹ for in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and everything that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. In this way the LORD blessed the seventh day and made it holy. ¹²Honor your father and your mother so that you may spend many days on the land that the LORD your God is giving to you. ¹³ You shall not commit murder. ¹⁴ You shall not commit adultery. ¹⁵ You shall not steal. ¹⁶ You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor. ¹⁷ You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, his male servant, his female servant, his ox, his donkey, or anything else that belongs to your neighbor. (EHV)

ZION SCHOOL K-8 SING

"What Grace Is This!"

SECOND LESSON Romans 8:1-10

8 So then, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For in Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death. ³ Indeed, what the law was unable to do, because it was weakened by the flesh, God did, when he sent his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to deal with sin. God condemned sin in his flesh, ⁴ so that the righteous decree of the law would be fully

satisfied in us who are not walking according to the flesh, but according to the spirit. ⁵ To be sure, those who are in harmony with the sinful flesh think about things the way the sinful flesh does, and those in harmony with the spirit think about things the way the spirit does. ⁶ Now, the way the sinful flesh thinks results in death, but the way the spirit thinks results in life and peace. ⁷ For the mind-set of the sinful flesh is hostile to God, since it does not submit to God's law, and in fact, it cannot. ⁸ Those who are in the sinful flesh cannot please God. ⁹ But you are not in the sinful flesh but in the spirit, if indeed God's Spirit lives in you. And if someone does not have the Spirit of Christ, that person does not belong to Christ. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, your body is dead because of sin, but your spirit is alive because of righteousness. (EHV)

VERSE OF THE DAY

Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. (John 3:14, 15)

GOSPEL Luke 23:1-12

23 The whole group of them got up and brought him before Pilate. ² They began to accuse him, saying, "We found this fellow misleading our nation, forbidding the payment of taxes to Caesar, and saying that he himself is Christ, a king." ³ Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" "It is as you say," Jesus replied. ⁴ Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no basis for a charge against this man." ⁵ But they kept insisting, "He stirs up the people, teaching all through Judea, beginning from Galilee all the way here." ⁶ When Pilate heard this, he asked if the man was a Galilean. ⁷ When he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem during those days. ⁸ When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad. For a long time, he had wanted to see him, because he had heard many things about him. He hoped to see some miracle performed by him. ⁹ He questioned him with many words, but Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰ The chief priests and the experts in the law stood there, vehemently accusing him. ¹¹ Herod, along with his soldiers, treated him with contempt and ridiculed him. Dressing him in bright clothing, he sent him back to Pilate. ¹² Herod and Pilate became friends with each other on that day. Before this they had been enemies of each other. (EHV)



NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,

of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,

eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,

begotten, not made,

of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

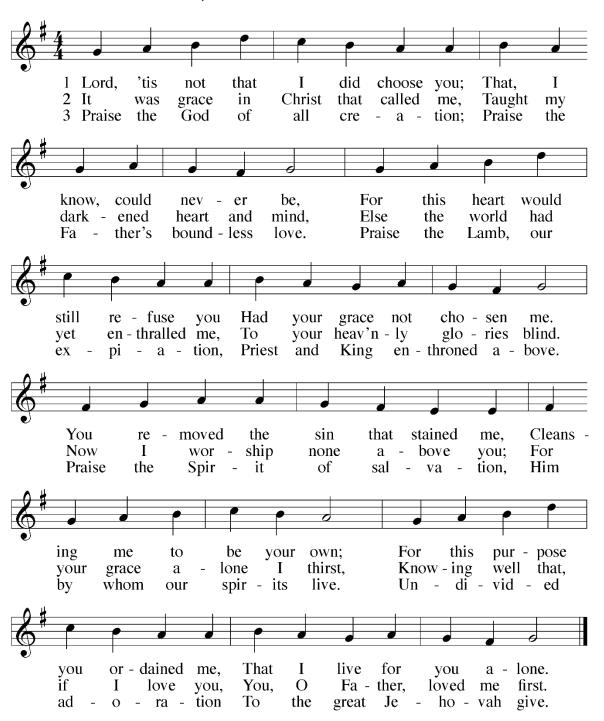
We look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY: CW 380

JUSTIFICATION

380 Lord, 'Tis Not that I Did Choose You

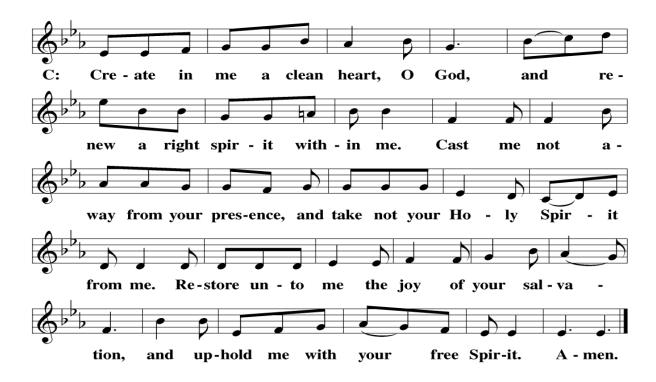


Text: Josiah Conder, 1789-1855, alt.

Tune: O DU LIEBE MEINER LIEBE (87 87 D) Erbaulicher Musicalischer Christen-Schatz, Basel, 1745, alt.

Misconceptions

CREATE IN ME



OFFERING: The collection of the offering in the service is an opportunity for the members of Zion to give back to God a small portion of what he has given us in order to support the Gospel ministry of Zion Lutheran Church and School and of the WELS throughout the world. If you are a visitor today, while we appreciate an offering from you, please do not feel obligated to give.

OFFERTORY MUSIC: Passion Chorale by Hassler/Broughten

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

THE SACRAMENT

P: The Lord be with you.



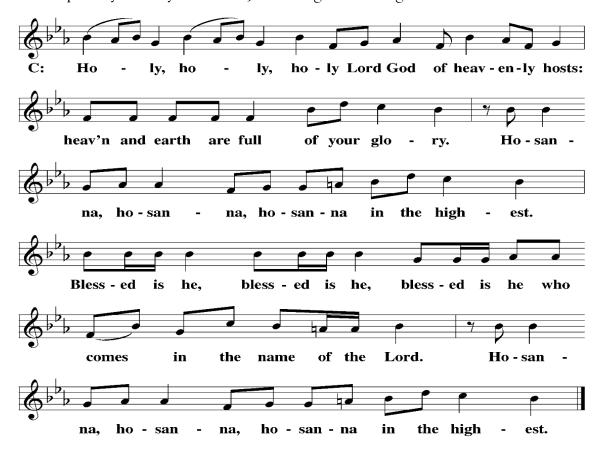
P: Lift up your hearts.



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



P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross, so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree would in turn by a tree be overcome. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

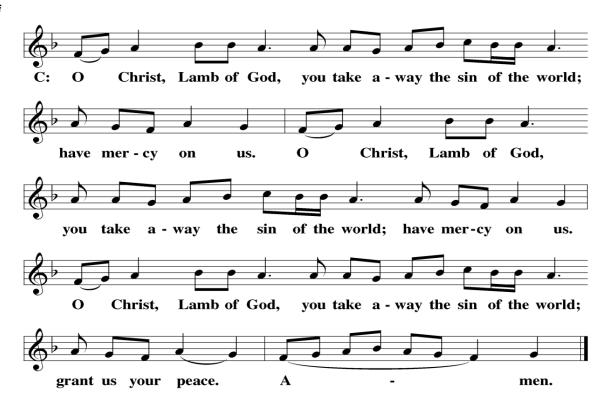
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

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



O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei



BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: CW 310

CW 98

"I Come, O Savior, to your Table"
"Jesus, I Will Ponder Now"

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I Come, O Savior, to Your Table



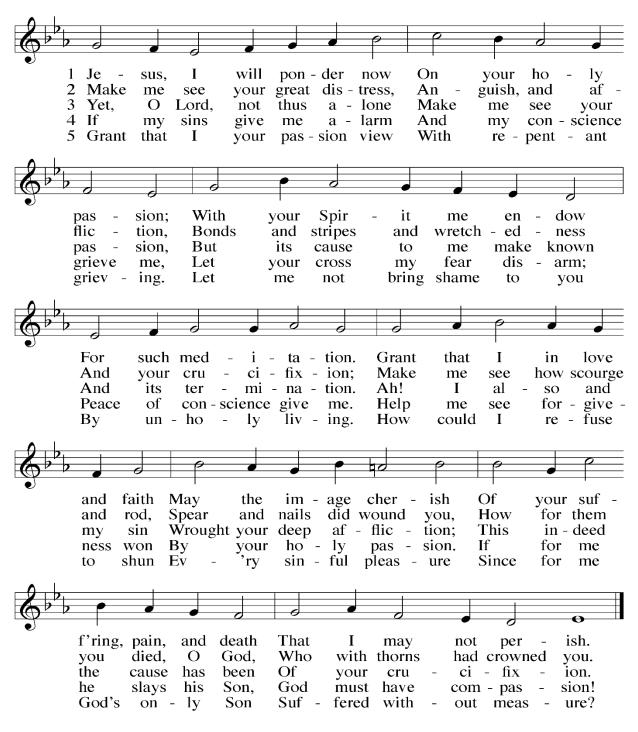
- 6 Weary am I and heavy laden; With sin my soul is sore oppressed. Receive me graciously and gladden My heart, for I am now your guest. Refrain
- 7 You here will find a heart most lowly 12 With you, Lord, I am now united; That feels unworthy in your sight, That duly weeps o'er sin, yet solely Your merit pleads, as it is right. Refrain
- 8 By faith I call your holy table The testament of your deep love, For by your gift I now am able To know the heart of God above. Refrain
- 9 What higher gift can we inherit? It is faith's bond and solid base; It is the strength of heart and spirit, The covenant of hope and grace. Refrain
- Unto the poor, to weak ones pow'r, To angels joy, to hell confounding, And life for me in death's dark hour. Refrain

- Your body, giv'n for me, O Savior, Your blood, which you for me have shed— These are my life and strength forever; By them my hungry soul is fed. Refrain
- I live in you and you in me. No sorrow fills my soul; delighted, It finds its peace on Calvary. Refrain
- 13 Who can condemn me now? For surely The Lord is near, who justifies. No hell I fear, and thus securely With Jesus I to heaven rise. Refrain
- 14 Though death may threaten with disaster, It cannot rob me of my cheer, For he who is of death the master With help and strength is always near. Refrain
- 10 This feast is manna, wealth abounding 15 My heart has now become your dwelling, O blessed, holy Trinity. With angels I, your praises telling, Shall live in joy eternally. Refrain

Friedrich C. Heyder, 1677–1754, abr.; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, St. Louis, 1941, alt. ICH STERBE TÄGLICH (98 98 88) Emskirchner Choralbuch, Leipzig, 1756, alt.

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Jesus, I Will Ponder Now



6 Graciously my faith renew;
Help me bear my crosses,
Learning humbleness from you,
Peace mid pain and losses.
May I give you love for love!
Hear me, O my Savior,
That I may in heav'n above
Sing your praise forever.

Text: Sigmund von Birken, 1626–81; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.
Tune: JESU KREUZ, LEIDEN UND PEIN (76 76 D Trochaic) Melchior Vulpius, c. 1570–1615, alt.

THANKSGIVING

SONG OF SIMEON

Nunc Dimittis



P: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



P: O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look on you with favor and (†) give you peace.



by: Charles Demorest

Closing Hymn: CW 357

REDEEMER

Jesus, Lover of My Soul 357 thy Je lov er of soul, Let sus, my me to Oth er ref uge have Ι none; Hangs my help - less Thou, Christ, art More than O all Ι want; all in 4 Plen teous grace with thee found, Grace to cov - er While bos om fly the near er wa - ters roll, thee. soul on Leave, ah, leave me not a - lone; thee Ι find. Raise the en, cheer the faint, all my sin. Let the heal - ing streams a - bound; While the tem still is high. Hide me, O pest my Still sup port and com fort me. All my trust on Heal the sick, and lead the blind. Just and ho lу Make and keep me pure with - in. Thou of life the life Sav - ior, hide, Till the storm of is Safe in past; thee thee is stayed; All help from Ι bring. Cov - er my False and thy name; all right - eous-ness. is I am un foun - tain Free - ly let take of Spring thou art; me thee.

the ha - ven guide. Oh, ceive my last! to re soul at With my de - fense-less head the shad - ow of thy wing. full of sin Ι am; Thou art full of truth and grace. with - in Rise all - ter - ni - ty. up my heart; to e

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-88, abr.

Tune: ABERYSTWYTH (77 77 D) Joseph Parry, 1841–1903.

POSTLUDE MUSIC: Grand Chorus

Officiants

Accompanist: Dottie Bober

Liturgist & Preacher: Pastor Greg Sitzman

^{*}All church service and music items are printed under One License – A-717618.

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CALL UPDATE—Benjamin Workentine has returned Zion's call to be the Associate Pastor. Zion will have a call meeting on Sunday, March 3rd at 12:30 p.m.

ZION ART FAIR:

Come join us for the Zion Art Fair on Sunday, March 3rd at noon. We will kick the fair off with Forensic readings, music and light refreshments in the gym. All members are welcome to attend and display works! If you're interested in your work being displayed, providing music or a reading, please see Stacey Sordahl. Art works may be dropped to the office by Feb 28th. Hope to see you there!

MARTIN LUTHER COLLEGE NEWS:

The MLC Choir is putting on two concerts in the area:

Resurrection Church in Maumee, OH on Sunday, March 3 at 11:00 a.m.

Hope Christian Academy in Westland, MI on Monday, March 4 at 10:00 a.m.

EASTER LILIES: We would like to decorate our church again this year for Easter with lily plants in memory of or for blessings received from members of Zion. Suggested donation is \$13.00 per plant. The plants will be in church on Easter Sunday. **The deadline to order is Sunday, March 10.** Donation envelopes are in both foyers. Place your donation inside the envelope and put it in the office. Thank you in advance for decorating our church for Easter and remembering our loved ones and blessings received.

HELPING OUR CHURCH FAMILY: Friends in Faith has a "Zion's Meal Train" program. The "Zion Meal Train" is a program that assists members of the Congregation with meals for situations such as surgeries/recovery, unexpected hospital stays, loss, birth of a child, etc. The meal train is open to all male and female members of the Congregation interested in providing meals for fellow members in need. We will be utilizing the official Meal Train website (www.MealTrain.com) to stay organized. When many friends provide support through a meal it means you may only have to volunteer once in a while to make a meal. The Meal Train program keeps schedules, as well as provides locations and dietary restrictions. If you are interested in volunteering to prepare an occasional meal as needed, please sign up in the west foyer or contact Melissa Freiny at 734-652-1638. Thank you in advance for considering to use your time and talents to support our church family.

BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP:

Dear Members of Zion,

Since the Capital Campaign kicked off in April of 2022 Zion has received just over \$200,000 in major gifts and weekly offerings, what a blessing!

The funds have been used for a number of improvements including:

- New furniture has been purchased for the west foyer
- A new security system has been installed. This project included the installation of multiple cameras on the property, both inside and outside of the building, a keyless entry system, and more
- Generator backup switches have been installed on each church own parsonage/teacherage
- Professional design services for handicap bathroom remodeling plans
- Miscellaneous repairs to church owned properties

The Voters approved the following items in order of priority:

- Electric panel replacements (two panels at ~\$6,160 per panel)
- Tunnel water issues with mold remediation if found necessary
- Parking lot repair (patch and seal)
- Basement handicap access (lift)
- Backup power generator for the church and school

There is currently \$2,874.39 available that is not committed to a certain project. If you are moved to give to the capital campaign, please mark your donations as "Capital Campaign".

Thank you for your support as Zion undertakes some large and much needed projects.

Sincerely, Board of Stewardship

HOPE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY NEWS:

International Student Host Families Needed for 24-25

We are now planning for the 2024-2025 school year and we need additional host families! Host families receive a stipend to offset the costs associated with hosting, or can receive a tax-free tuition credit for hosting. If you are interested in hosting a student, or if you would like more information, please contact Principal Matt Foley at 734-525-0160, extension 202, or the HCA international student coordinator, Debbie Purdue, at 734-377-5010, or at dpurdue@hopehawks.org.

HCA Class of 2024 - Graduation is scheduled for June 02 at 2pm. Ashley Beeskow (St. Paul's) will serve as our valedictorian, and Nick Tamer (Peace) will serve as our salutatorian. Pastor Haag (Redeemer, Ann Arbor) will serve as the preacher.

Coming up at Zion

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Lent #3 Worship Service (IC/CC)

10:30 a.m. Sunday School, Youth Group, and Adult Bible Class

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. Warrior Oasis Café

10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Class5:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting

Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Midweek Lent #3 Worship Service

Friday No School – HCA Basketball Tournament

Office Closed

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Lent #4 Worship Service – Pastor Fager

10:30 a.m. Sunday School, Youth Group, and Adult Bible Class

March Volunteers

	Feb. 28 & March 3	March 6 & 10	March 13 & 17	March 20 & 24	March 28, 29 & 31
Altar Guild		Liz Seibert	& Deanna Schneck		
Live Stream Helpers	Miller Sordahl	William Robinson	Erich Freiny	Rob Krueger	March 28 Miller Sordahl March 29 Steve Sordahl March 31 Ryan Roth
Ushers	Feb. 28 Mark Kipf Keith McBee Joe Schmeling Russ Vitale March 3 Ray Chandonnet Erich Freiny Rob Krueger Zach Turner	March 6 Ray Chandonnet Erich Freiny Rob Krueger Zach Turner March 10 Tony Affholter Jeff Douglas Mark Fuerstenberg Ray Palmatier	March 13 Tony Affholter Jeff Douglas Mark Fuerstenberg Ray Palmatier March 17 Dave Benge Alan Bober Matthew Hill Joe Koch Jeremy Robinson Jacob Robinson William Robinson	March 20 Dave Benge Alan Bober Mathew Hill Joe Koch Jeremy Robinson Jacob Robinson William Robinson March 24 Jake Burke Rich Heusman Jeff Heusman Juergen Koenig Matt McCormick Zach McCormick	March 28 Mark Kipf Keith McBee Joe Schmeling Russ Vitale March 29 1:00 p.m. Mark Kipf Keith McBee Joe Schmeling Russ Vitale March 29 7:00 p.m. Ray Chandonnet Erich Freiny Rob Krueger Zach Turner March 31 Ray Chandonnet Erich Freiny Rob Krueger Zach Turner
Communion Helpers	Feb. 28 Ken Vagt March 3 Jeff Heusman Jake Burke		March 13 Ken Vagt Feb. 18 Mark Kipf Erich Freiny		March 28 @ 7:00 p.m. Jeremy Robinson Rob Krueger



ZION BAKE SALE

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT CARD MINISTRY

SUNDAY, MARCH 17 IN SCHOOL HALLWAY

ALL ARE INVITED TO DONATE BAKED GOODS

PLEASE LABEL CONTENTS AND PLACE ON TABLES BEFORE CHURCH





