

ASH WEDNESDAY
March 2, 2022
“CRUCIAL HOURS”



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Matthew 26:18

ZION EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH, MONROE, MI

(Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)

IN JESUS' NAME WE WELCOME YOU!

**CRUCIAL HOURS
ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2022**

OPENING HYMN: CW 339 (vs. 1-3)

“Today Your Mercy Calls”

INVITATION

339

Today Your Mercy Calls Us

1 To - day your mer - cy calls us To wash a -
2 To - day your gate is o - pen, And all who
3 To - day our Fa - ther calls us; His Ho - ly
4 O all - em - brac - ing Mer - cy, O ev - er

way our sin. How - ev - er great our tres - pass,
en - ter in Shall find a Fa - ther's wel - come
Spir - it waits. His bless - ed an - gels gath - er
o - pen Door, What should we do with - out you

What - ev - er we have been, How - ev - er long from
And par - don for their sin. The past shall be for -
A - round the heav'n - ly gates. No ques - tion will be
When heart and eye run o'er? When all things seem a -

mer - cy Our hearts have turned a - way, Your pre - cious
got - ten, A pres - ent joy be giv'n, A fu - ture
asked us How of - ten we have come; Al - though we
against us, To drive us to de - spair, We know one

blood can wash us And make us clean to - day.
grace be prom - ised: A glo - rious crown in heav'n.
oft have wan - dered, It is our Fa - ther's home.
gate is o - pen, One ear will hear our prayer.

Text: Oswald Allen, 1816-78, alt.

Tune: ANTHES (76 76 D) Friedrich K. Anthes, 1812-after 1857.

P: In the name of our God, to whom all hearts are open and from whom no secrets are hidden. Amen.

All: O Lord, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy, and in your faithfulness, come to my relief. Do not bring your servant into judgment, for no one living is righteous before you. Answer me quickly, O Lord; my spirit fails. Do not hide your face from me, for I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul. Teach me to do your will, for you are my God.

C: Almighty God, merciful Father, I am a repentant sinner. I confess that I have sinned against you in my thoughts, my words, and my actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I am distressed by the sins that trouble me and am deeply sorry for them.

Silence for private confession.

P: Jesus says to his people: "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven." His death paid for the guilt of your sins and the sins of the whole world. Do you believe this?

C: Yes, I believe.

P: Because of this promise of our Savior Jesus, I forgive you all your sins. Be assured that you are a dear child of God and an heir of eternal life.

Prayer

P: Lord God, we thank you for this day of grace now drawing to a close. Stay with us and warm our hearts with your forgiving love in Christ. May your Word keep our faith burning brightly, that we may walk in the light of your presence through the darkness of this world.

Come and bless us as we worship you: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Refrain

Be mer - ci - ful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Psalm tone

Have mercy on me, O God,*
according to your unfailing love.

Wash away all my iniquity,*
and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions,*
and my sin is always before me.

Refrain

Against you, you only, have I sinned*
and done what is evil in your sight.

Surely I was sinful at birth,*
sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

Hide your face from my sins,*
and blot out all my iniquity.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation,*
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

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.

Refrain

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PASSION HISTORY LESSON 1

Pastor: The Festival of Unleavened Bread, which is called the Passover, was approaching. Jesus said to his disciples,

Men: “**You know that after two days it will be the Passover, and the Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified.**”

P: Then the chief priests and the elders of the people assembled in the palace of the high priest, whose name was Caiaphas.

Women: **They plotted together how to arrest Jesus in some deceitful way and kill him.**

Congregation: **But they said, “Not during the Festival, or else there might be a riot among the people.”**

P: Satan entered Judas, called Iscariot, who was one of the Twelve. He went away and spoke with the chief priests and officers of the temple guard about how he could betray Jesus to them. They were glad and agreed to give him money. He promised to do it and was looking for an opportunity to betray Jesus to them away from the crowd.¹

Women: **On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples asked him,**

Men: **“Where do you want us to go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?”**

P: He sent two of his disciples and said to them, “Go into the city, and there a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him. Wherever he enters, tell the owner of the house that the Teacher says, ‘Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’ He will show you a large upper room, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there.”

Women: **They went and found things just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.**

P: When the hour had come, Jesus reclined at the table with the twelve apostles.

Men: **He said to them, “I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer, for I tell you, I will not eat it again until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.”²**

Congregation: **A dispute arose among the disciples about which of them was considered to be greatest.**

¹ Matthew 26:1-5; Mark 14:1-2; Luke 22:1-6

² Matthew 26:17-20; Mark 14:12-17; Luke 22:7-17

P: But he told them, “The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those who have authority over them are called Benefactors. But it is not to be that way with you. Instead, let the greatest among you become like the youngest, and the one who leads like the one who serves. For who is greater, one who reclines at the table or one who serves? Isn’t it the one who reclines at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. You are those who have remained with me in my trials. I am going to grant a kingdom to you, just as my Father granted to me, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom. And you will sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.”³

Women: Before the Passover Festival, Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father.

Congregation: Having loved those who were his own in the world, he loved them to the end.⁴

Men: By the time the supper took place, the Devil had already put the idea into the heart of Judas, son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus.

Congregation: Jesus knew that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God.

P: He got up from the supper and laid aside his outer garment. He took a towel and tied it around his waist.

Women: Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples’ feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

Men: He came to Simon Peter, who asked him, “Lord, are you going to wash my feet?”

P: Jesus answered him, “You do not understand what I am doing now, but later you will understand.”

Men: Peter told him, “You will never, ever, wash my feet!”

P: Jesus replied, “If I do not wash you, you have no part with me.”

Men: “Lord, not just my feet,” Simon Peter replied, “but also my hands and my head!”

Congregation: Jesus told him, “A person who has had a bath needs only to wash his feet, but his body is completely clean. And you⁵ are clean, but not all of you.” Indeed, he knew who was going to betray him. That is why he said, “Not all of you are clean.”

³ Luke 22:24-30

⁴ Or to the fullest extent

⁵ You is plural.

Women: After Jesus had washed their feet and put on his outer garment, he reclined at the table again.

P: "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. "You call me Teacher and Lord. You are right, because I am. Now if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. Yes, I have given you an example so that you also would do just as I have done for you. Amen, Amen,⁶ I tell you: A servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them."⁷

Congregation: He took a cup, gave thanks, and said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves, for I tell you, from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."⁸

SERMON HYMN: CW 306

"Before You, God, the Judge of All"

CONFESSiON AND ABSOLUTiON

306

Before You, God the Judge of All

1 Be - fore you, God, the Judge of all, With grief and shame I
2 O Lord, my God, to you I pray: Oh, cast me not in
3 O Je - sus, let your pre - cious blood Be to my soul a

hum - bly fall. I see my sins a - gainst you, Lord,
wrath a - way! Let your good Spir - it ne'er de - part,
cleans-ing flood. Turn not, O Lord, your guest a - way,

My sins of thought and deed and word, They press me
But let him draw to you my heart That tru - ly
But grant that jus - ti - fied I may Go to my

sore; to you I flee: O God, be mer - ci - ful to me!
pen - i - tent I be: O God, be mer - ci - ful to me!
house at peace to be: O God, be mer - ci - ful to me!

Text: Magnus B. Landstad, 1802-80; tr. Carl Döving, 1867-1937, alt.
Tune: VATER UNSER IM HIMMELREICH, DER DU (88 88 88) attr. Martin Luther, 1483-1546.

⁶ Usually people say *Amen* at the end of a prayer, but Jesus used this Hebrew word at the beginning of a statement, which was unique. The inspired writer simply transliterated the Hebrew word that Jesus spoke, instead of using a Greek term. This translation does the same in English. The basic meaning is *I solemnly tell you the truth*. Here it is emphasized by being used twice. See FAQ #1 at wartburgproject.org/faqs/

⁷ John 13:1-17

⁸ Luke 22:17-18

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I WILL KEEP THE PASSOVER

CONSECRATION OF ELEMENTS

DISTRIBUTION OF LORD'S SUPPER

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: CWS 714
CW 310

“The Lamb”
“I Come, O Savior to Your Table”

LENT

714**The Lamb**

1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where's the
 2 The Lamb, the Lamb, One per - fect fi - nal
 3 The Lamb, the Lamb, As way - ward sheep their
 4 He sighs, he dies, He takes my sin and
 5 He rose, he rose, My heart with thanks now

sac - ri - fice? Faith sees, be - lieves God
 of - fer - ing. The Lamb, the Lamb, Let
 shep - herd kill So still, his will, On
 wretch-ed - ness. He lives, for - gives, He
 o - ver - flows. His song pro - long 'Til

will pro - vide the Lamb of price!
 earth join heav'n his praise to sing.
 our be - half the law to fill.
 gives me his own right - eous - ness.
 ev - 'ry heart to him be - long.

Refrain

Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me his
 own! The Lamb is reign - ing on his throne.

As the Lord provided for Abraham a sacrifice in place of his son Isaac, so also he lovingly provides for us his own Son, Jesus, the perfect Lamb of God sacrificed for the sins of the world.

Tune: WINTER (48 48 and Refrain)
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310

I Come, O Savior, to Your Table



1 I come, O Savior, to your ta - ble, For weak and
 2 Oh, grant that I in man - ner wor - thy May now trust
 3 Un - wor - thy though I am, O Sav - ior, Be - cause I
 4 Oh, let me loathe all sin for - ev - er As death and
 5 Your heart is filled with fer - vent yearn-ing That sin - ners



wea - ry is my soul; O Je - sus, you a - lone are
 sole - ly in your Word, And, con - scious of the sins be -
 have a sin - ful heart, Yet you your lamb will ban - ish
 poi - son to my soul, That I through will - ful sin - ning
 may sal - va - tion see Who, Lord, to you in faith are

Refrain

a - ble To sat - is - fy and make me whole.
 fore me, Look on - ly un - to you, O Lord.
 nev - er, Nor will your faith - ful - ness de - part.
 nev - er May see your judg - ment take its toll!
 turn - ing; So let me, too, come trust - ing - ly.

Lord, may your



bod - y and your blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

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
 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

10 This feast is manna, wealth abounding
Unto the poor, to weak ones pow'r,
To angels joy, to hell confounding,
And life for me in death's dark hour.
Refrain

11 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

12 With you, Lord, I am now united;
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

15 My heart has now become your dwelling,
O blessed, holy Trinity.
With angels I, your praises telling,
Shall live in joy eternally.
Refrain

P: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper.
We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for
one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

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.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

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THANK YOU BOARD OF SERVICE & FELLOWSHIP—Thanks for organizing and working the fellowship potluck for the installation of Pastor Sitzman. Especially we do thank co-chairs, Mark Fuerstenberg, Ken Vagt, and Mel White along with their wives Sherry, Susan, and Dawn together with Jeremy & Kathie Robinson, Madison Rehberg and Liz Seibert. THANKYOU ALL VERY MUCH for the wonderful meal.

SITZMAN INSTALLATION POTLUCK – A sincere thank you from the Board of Service and Fellowship to our congregation members for the great support during Pastor Sitzman’s installation potluck dinner! Thanks for all the help setting up, taking down and quick clean-up – many hands make lite work! The wonderful variety of food and desserts was amazing. Again – Thanks to all!!

FELLOWSHIP EXPERIENCE – Go ahead and mark your calendars for Sunday, March 13. We will be having our second “Fellowship Experience” after the late service. The speaker for this month is Jim Miller. Jim has had many hats in his professional career – he has been a Radio Host for WVAO, a Buick Salesman, and the Monroe County Fair Talent Scheduler and host. He is a former member of Faith Lutheran church and is now a member of our congregation. There will be a light lunch provided so please sign the sheet in the west foyer so we can plan for the meal accurately.

NEW BIC STARTING – A new Bible Information Class is starting, tentatively scheduled for SUNDAYS from 4-6:00 p.m. beginning on March 13. If you or someone you know is interested, contact Pastor Ulrich. THANK YOU.

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 \$11.00 per plant. The plants will be in church on Easter Sunday. **The deadline is Sunday, March 20.** Donation envelopes are in the west foyer. 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.

KILLARNEY BOOSTER PASSES: Starting in February, Sherri Fuerstenberg will be selling Camp Killarney passes for this season. An annual pass is \$40 and the lifetime pass is \$400. She will be available before and after each service. Killarney camp is a fun place to visit for a day at the beach or for a weekend camping getaway. It is not far away and has many fun activities to do for the whole family.

GREETINGS FROM THE BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP! As a new year gets underway we have lots to be thankful for. For the next few weeks we will highlight different aspects of Stewardship. This week we will focus on the Stewardship of TIME.

The time we have on this earth is a blessing from God, it is only good and right that we use some of that time and return it to Him. As you consider ways you can support Zion and her work please consider donating some of your TIME. Not sure how you can help, just ask! And, don't be surprised if someone from the Church calls you and asks you to consider helping out in some capacity.

CHURCH SERVICES: Please call Zion (734) 242-1378 to register for church services. At the present time, we are publishing our entire service in the bulletin. In order to be wise stewards of our resources, it will help us to know in advance if we are to print 100 bulletins per week or 150 bulletins per week. Never let not registering for a worship service keep you from attending that worship service. We always print a few extra bulletins. **But please if you can, call and register. Thank you.**

CHURCH SERVICE LIVE STREAMING VOLUNTEERS

Zion is looking for volunteers to help live stream church services. Once trained, volunteers will be scheduled for services based on their availability, similar to the usher schedule. All members 13 years old and older are welcome to volunteer. This is a great opportunity for youth to serve. Contact Steve Sordahl (sjsordahl@gmail.com) or the office for more information.

ALTAR GUILD FOR 2022 — There is a sign-up sheet in the west foyer for Altar Guild volunteers for 2022. We really do appreciate all the help we get through the year with this service of love. If you haven't ever done Altar Guild, please consider helping out. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the office.

Dear Members of Zion,

WELS Michigan District officials have contacted me, asking if any of our members "have sustained extensive flood damage." If you have sustained extensive flood damage, please contact me so that I may forward it on to District officials. They are not certain that there are funds available or not. However, they will contact Dan Sims of the WELS Christian Aid & Relief office on behalf of Zion to see if help is available.

1 John 3:17 "If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him?"

I can be reached at Zion (734) 242-1378 or rwlrich@zionmonroe.org. Thank you.

Sincerely Pastor Ross Ulrich

COMING UP AT ZION

Sunday	8:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Youth Group, and Adult Bible Class
Tuesday	1:30 p.m. Worship Service (IC)
Wednesday	7:00 p.m. 2nd Lenten Worship Service
Next Sunday	8:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. Worship with Huron Valley Lutheran High School Choir 9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class, Sunday School and Youth Group

MARCH VOLUNTEERS

	Mar. 2 & 6	Mar. 9 & 13	Mar. 16 & 20	Mar. 23 & 27	Mar. 30 & Apr. 3
ALTAR GUILD			Liz Seibert		
USHERS	<u>Mar. 2</u> <u>7:00 p.m.</u> Alan Bober Jeremy Robinson Jacob Robinson William Robinson <u>Mar. 6</u> <u>8:15 a.m.</u> Mark Kipf Keith McBee Russ Vitale <u>10:45 a.m.</u> Rich Heusman Jeff Heusman Jake Burke Juergan Koenig Matt McCormick	<u>Mar. 9</u> <u>7:00 p.m.</u> Rich Heusman Jeff Heusman Jake Burke Juergan Koenig Matt McCormick <u>Mar. 13</u> <u>8:15 a.m.</u> Rob Krueger Ralph Naveaux Ray Chandonnet Erich Freiny <u>10:45 a.m.</u> Joe Koch Joe Schmeling Dave Benge	<u>Mar. 16</u> <u>7:00 p.m.</u> Mark Kipf Keith McBee Russ Vitale <u>Mar. 20</u> <u>8:15 a.m.</u> Tony Affholter Mark Fuerstenberg Tim Fuerstenberg <u>10:45 a.m.</u> Alan Bober Jeremy Robinson Jacob Robinson William Robinson	<u>Mar. 23</u> <u>7:00 p.m.</u> Rob Krueger Ralph Naveaux Ray Chandonnet Erich Freiny <u>Mar. 27</u> <u>8:15 a.m.</u> Mark Kipf Keith McBee Russ Vitale <u>10:45 a.m.</u> Rich Heusman Jeff Heusman Jake Burke Juergan Koenig Matt McCormick	<u>Mar. 30</u> <u>7:00 p.m.</u> Tony Affholter Mark Fuerstenberg Tim Fuerstenberg <u>Apr. 3</u> <u>8:15 a.m.</u> Rob Krueger Ralph Naveaux Ray Chandonnet Erich Freiny <u>10:45 a.m.</u> Joe Koch Joe Schmeling Dave Benge