

Fifth Sunday in Lent

ZION EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH, MONROE, MI

(Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)

IN JESUS' NAME WE WELCOME YOU!

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March 17, 2024

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: By Jesus' perfect life and sacrifice, he became our High Priest and put a new covenant into effect.

This is the Fifth 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.

LITURGY: Service of the Word & Sacrament

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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.

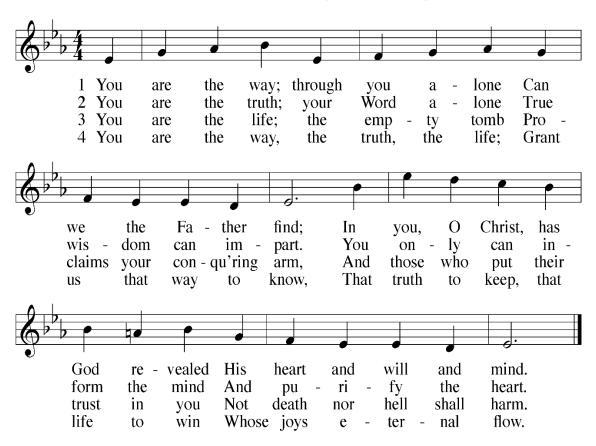
HEARING ASSISTANCE EQUIPMENT is available as part of our sound system. Individual hand-held units are available. Please check with an usher if you would like a unit for today's worship service.

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!

OPENING HYMN: CW 356

REDEEMER

356 You Are the Way; through You Alone



Text: George W. Doane, 1799-1859, alt.

Tune: DUNDEE (CM) The CL Psalms of David, Edinburgh, 1615.

P: The grace of our Lord ($^{\cup}$) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

The congregation may kneel.

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 (\P) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie

P: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



P: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



P: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



P: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



P: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

The minister says the Prayer of the Day.

P: Eternal God and Father, help us to remember Jesus, who obeyed your will and bore the cross for our salvation that through his anguish, pain, and death we may receive forgiveness of sins and inherit eternal life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



THE WORD

First Lesson Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹ Yes, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah. ³² It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers, when I took them by the hand and led them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, although I was a husband to them, declares the LORD. ³³ But this is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD. I will put my law in their minds, and I will write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. ³⁴ No longer will each one teach his neighbor, or each one teach his brother, saying, "Know the LORD," because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD, for I will forgive their guilt, and I will remember their sins no more. (EHV)

ZION ADULT CHOIR:

"Behold the Savior of Mankind"

SECOND LESSON Hebrews 5:7-10

⁷ In the days of his flesh, he offered prayers and pleas with loud cries and tears to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. ⁸ Although he was the Son, he learned obedience from the things he suffered. ⁹ After he was brought to his goal, he became the source of eternal salvation for everyone who obeys him, ¹⁰ because he was designated by God as a high priest, like Melchizedek. (EHV)

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. (Mark 10:45 cf. NIV)

GOSPEL: Luke 23:26-34

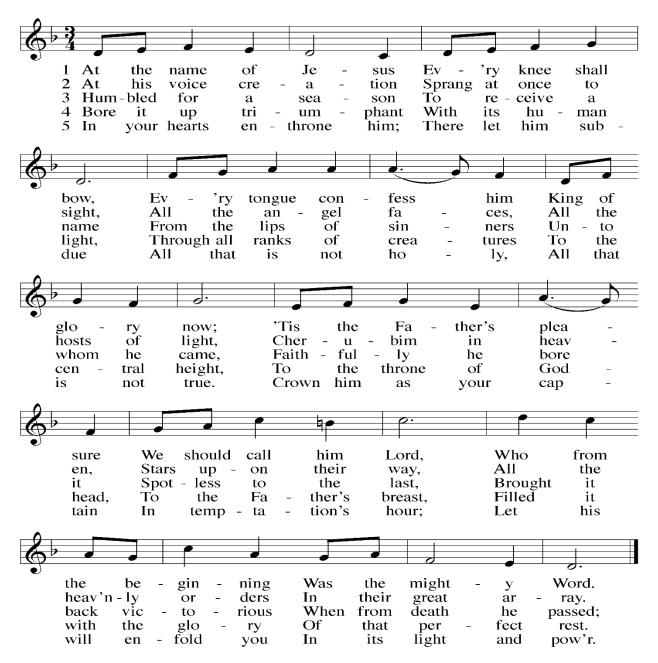
²⁶ As they led him away, they seized Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country. They placed the cross on him and made him carry it behind Jesus. ²⁷ A large crowd of people was following him, including women who were mourning and wailing for him. ²⁸ Jesus turned to them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, stop weeping for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹ Be sure of this: The days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the childless women, the wombs that never gave birth, and the breasts that never nursed.' ³⁰ Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us!' and to the hills, 'Cover us.' ³¹ For if they do these things to the green wood, what will happen to the dry?" ³² Two other men, who were criminals, were led away with Jesus to be executed. ³³ When they came to the place called The Skull, they crucified him there with the criminals, one on his right and the other on his left. ³⁴ Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." They cast lots to divide his garments among them. (EHV)



REDEEMER

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At the Name of Jesus



6 Christians, this Lord Jesus
Shall return again
In his Father's glory,
With his angel train;
For all wreaths of empire
Meet upon his brow,
And our hearts confess him
King of glory now.

Text: Caroline M. Noel, 1817–77, abr., alt.

Tune: King's Weston (65 65 D) Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958. © Oxford University Press. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

Sympathy

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.

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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Gracious God and Father, we praise you for the countless blessings, which we receive from your hand: the beauties of creation and the bounties of the earth, the joy of life and the pleasure of friendship, the good of work and the gift of rest, the privilege to share happiness and sorrow with one another. Above all we praise and thank you for your saving Word and for your Son's body and blood, which you give us to eat and

to drink in the sacrament. Through these means of grace, you send the Holy Spirit into our hearts and unite us to Jesus and to the whole Christian Church on earth.

C: Strengthen us through this heavenly food; increase our trust in Christ and our love for one another.

P: Great God and Lord, without your continuing help we easily waver in our faith, lose courage, and grow careless in our watchfulness. The times and days are perilous. Give us strength to face the evils of each day with fresh confidence. Open our lips to speak of your grace, and move us to use the gifts that you give us to share your Word of salvation with all people. Protect and prosper the family, the school, the government, and all good institutions that you have established for the benefit of society. Remember in mercy those who are sick and suffering, and bring your healing to troubled homes and lives.

C: Move us to pray for those in need and to help them with deeds of kindness.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

P: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

P: Now, eternal God and Father, keep us in the saving faith and so enable us to overcome all things through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

Our Lord Jesus has given us a holy supper in which we receive his true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. In this supper we celebrate the gift of his redemption, we bear witness to the fellowship we share as confessors of the truth, and we proclaim his death until he returns.

P: The Lord be with you.



P: Lift up your hearts.



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



P: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. In the past he spoke to us through the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, who is the radiance of his glory.

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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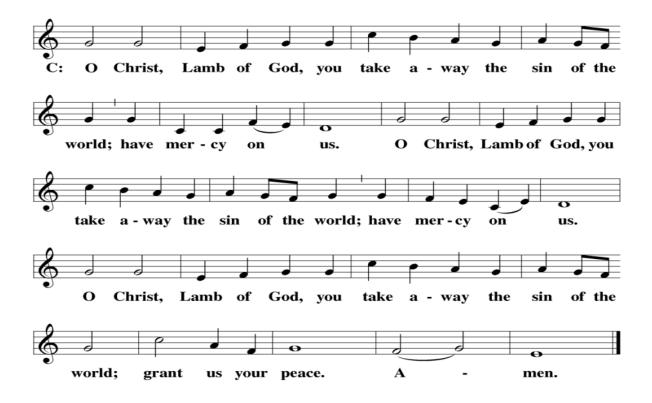
P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

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



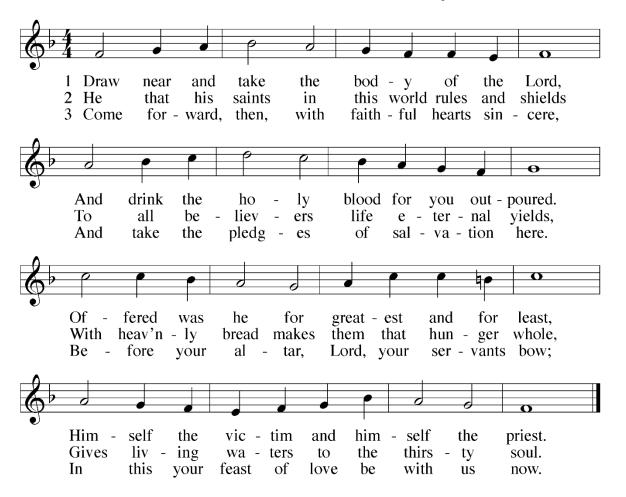
DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: CW 309

CW 315

"Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord"
"Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face"

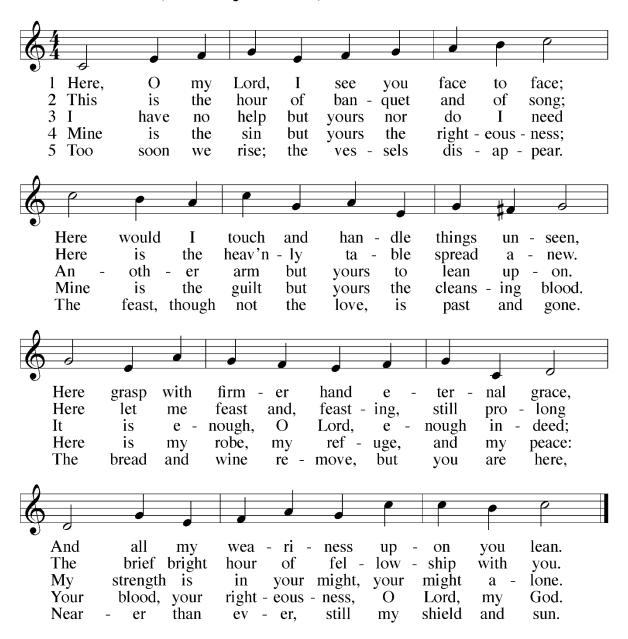
309 Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord



Text: Latin hymn, 7th century, abr.; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–66, alt.

Tune: OLD 124TH (10 10 10 10) Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, Geneva, 1551, alt.

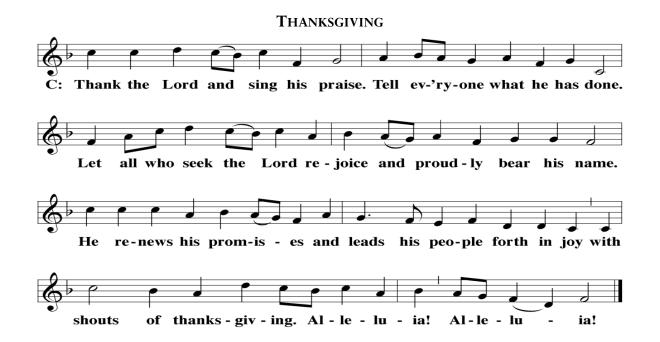
315 Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face



6 Feast after feast thus comes and passes by, Yet, passing, points to that glad feast above, Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy, The Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–89, abr., alt.

Tune: FARLEY CASTLE (10 10 10 10) Henry Lawes, 1595–1662.



P: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Benediction

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.

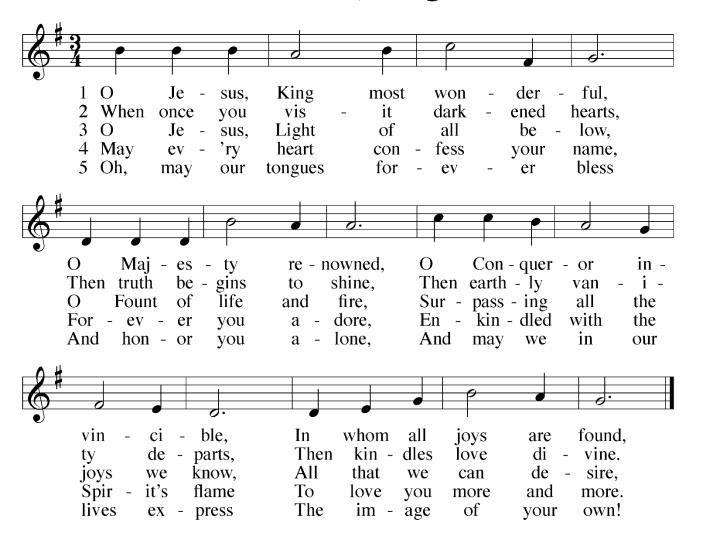


CLOSING HYMN: CW 373

REDEEMER

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O Jesus, King Most Wonderful



Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091-1153, abr.; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814-78, alt.

Tune: St. Agnes (CM) John B. Dykes, 1823-76.

Officiants

Accompanist: Stepfanie Sitzman Liturgist & Preacher: Pastor Greg Sitzman

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CALL UPDATE—Zion extended a call to Pastor Frank Italiano Jr. Please keep Zion and him in your prayers as he deliberates the call.

KILLARNEY FISH FRY: Mark and Sherry thank everyone from Zion's Congregation and their friends for all the support with the fish fry. Once again Zion came out to help support Killarney Camp — we raised \$1809.00. A special thank you to everyone who helped prepare food, serve, and clean-up. Mark and Sherry regretfully have to step away after this year from running the Fish Fry fundraiser, if anyone would like to take the lead for the fundraiser next year they will be more than happy to give advice. Please consider this as a great opportunity to use your time and talents to help support one of our great assets — Killarney Lutheran Camp!

EASTER BREAKFAST: Please come join us for an Easter breakfast provided by the Church Council after our Easter service on March 31st! It's a wonderful way to celebrate and enjoy fellowship with your church family. For planning, there's a sign-up sheet in the West Foyer. We look forward to sharing this special morning with you!

FRIENDS IN FAITH: Friends in Faith is having a bake sale after church on TODAY. You are welcome to contribute items to the table before service. The money raised is going towards the Card Ministry.

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

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.

Planning Ahead:

Mother/Daughter Tea: Zion will be hosting a Mother/Daughter Tea on Sunday, April 14th. There is an attached flyer with more information and additional information will be coming in the next few weeks.

Coming up at Zion

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Lent #5 Worship Service

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

10:30 a.m. Friends in Faith Bake Sale

1:00 p.m. Jesus Cares Worship Service

2:00 p.m. Zion CEA Mother/Son Bowling

Tuesday 7:45 a.m. Warrior Oasis Café

10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Class

5:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting

Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Midweek Lent #5 Worship Service

Thursday 7:00 p.m. Church Council

Friday 7:45 a.m. Warrior Oasis Café

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Palm Sunday Worship Service

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					March 28
Helpers	Miller Sordahl	William Robinson	Erich Freiny	Rob Krueger	Miller Sordahl
					<u> March 29</u>
					Steve Sordahl
					March 31
					Ryan Roth
Ushers	Feb. 28	March 6	March 13	March 20	March 28
usilers	Mark Kipf	Ray Chandonnet	Tony Affholter	Dave Benge	Mark Kipf
	Keith McBee	Erich Freiny	Jeff Douglas	Alan Bober	Keith McBee
	Joe Schmeling	Rob Krueger	Mark Fuerstenberg	Mathew Hill	Joe Schmeling
	Russ Vitale	Zach Turner	Ray Palmatier	Joe Koch	Russ Vitale
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	Rob Krueger	Mark Fuerstenberg	Matthew Hill	March 24	Joe Schmeling
	Zach Turner	Ray Palmatier	Joe Koch	Jake Burke	Russ Vitale
		J	Jeremy Robinson	Rich Heusman	
			Jacob Robinson	Jeff Heusman	March 29 7:00 p.m.
			William Robinson	Juergen Koenig	Ray Chandonnet
				Matt McCormick	Erich Freiny
				Zach McCormick	Rob Krueger
					Zach Turner
					<u>March 31</u>
					Ray Chandonnet
					Erich Freiny
					Rob Krueger
					Zach Turner
					Zuen Turner
Communion	<u>Feb. 28</u>		March 13		March 28
Helpers	Ken Vagt		Ken Vagt		<u>@ 7:00 p.m.</u>
					Jeremy Robinson
	March 3		<u>Feb. 18</u>		Rob Krueger
	Jeff Heusman		Mark Kipf		
	Jake Burke		Erich Freiny		
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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









Zion Lutheran Gymnasium

Sunday, April 14

2:00 - 4:00pm

Mothers, daughters and all other ladies welcome to join us for entertainment, fellowship, treats and tea.
Suggested donation \$5 per person

RSVP for guaranteed seating through the church office by April 12 or call Melissa Freiny 734-652-1638