

**THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**  
**ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH, FERNDALE**  
**10:30 AM, MARCH 16, 2025**

**Prelude**

Scott Schroeder

**Welcome & Announcements**

**The Box**

(in the absence of teachers, there will be no class this week)

**Special Music**

“My Lighthouse”

Zion Juniors

**Processional Hymn**

“Be Thou My Vision”

Hymnal 793



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,  
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:  
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,  
Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,  
thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,  
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.  
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

**Confession and Forgiveness**

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, the injustice of the

world, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

Assistant: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God, have mercy on us. **We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin and injustice. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of  $\text{†}$  Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

Leader  
In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly  
Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have  
For the reign of God, and for  
mer-cy. Lord, have mer-cy.

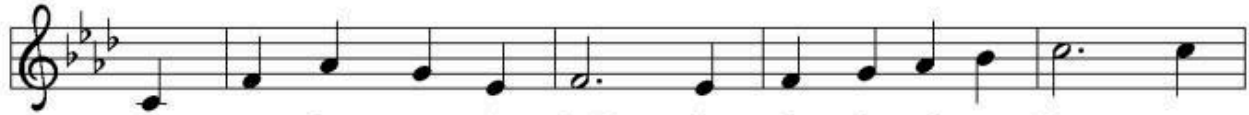
peace through-out the world, for the u-ni-ty of all, let us pray to the  
Lord. For your  
Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer-cy.

peo-ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your  
word, let us pray to the Lord.  
Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have  
Help, save, and de-fend us, O God.  
mer-cy. A-men.

**Sharing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of God be with you all. **And also with you!**

*At Zion we share the ASL/universal sign for peace, or other non-physical contact to greet one another.*



1 Re - store in us, O God, the splen - dor of your love; re -  
 2 O Spir - it, wake in us the won - der of your pow'r; from  
 3 Bring us, O Christ, to share the full - ness of your joy; bap -  
 4 Three - per - soned God, ful - fill the prom - ise of your grace, that



new your im - age in our hearts, and all our sins re - move.  
 fruit - less fear un - furl our lives like spring - time bud and flow'r.  
 tize us in the ris - en life that death can - not de - stroy.  
 we, when all our search - ing ends, may see you face to face.

### Prayer of the Day

Assistant: God of the covenant, **in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

<sup>1</sup> After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." <sup>2</sup> But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup> And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." <sup>4</sup> And behold, the word of the Lord came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." <sup>5</sup> And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." <sup>6</sup> And he believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness. <sup>7</sup> And he said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you out from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to possess." <sup>8</sup> But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" <sup>9</sup> He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." <sup>10</sup> And he brought him all these, cut them in half, and laid each half over against the other. But he did not cut the birds in half. <sup>11</sup> And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. <sup>12</sup> As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell on Abram. And behold, dreadful and great darkness fell upon him. <sup>17</sup> When the sun had gone down and it was dark, behold, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. <sup>18</sup> On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your offspring I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates,

Word of God, Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 27**

<sup>1</sup>The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

<sup>2</sup>**When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh,  
my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.**

<sup>3</sup>Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;  
though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.

<sup>4</sup>**One thing have I asked of God, that will I seek after:  
that I may dwell in God's house all the days of my life,  
to gaze upon the beauty of God and to inquire in the temple.**

<sup>5</sup>For God will hide me in the shelter in the day of trouble;  
and will conceal me under the cover of God's tent;

God will lift me high upon a rock.

<sup>6</sup>**And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me,  
and I will offer in God's tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;  
I will sing and make melody to God.**

<sup>7</sup>Hear, O God, when I cry aloud;  
be gracious to me and answer me!

<sup>8</sup>**You have said, "Seek my face."**

**My heart says to you, "Your face, God, do I seek."**

<sup>9</sup>Hide not your face from me.

Turn not your servant away in anger, O you who have been my help.  
Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation!

<sup>10</sup>**For my father and my mother have forsaken me,  
but God will take me in.**

<sup>11</sup>Teach me your way, O God,  
and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.

<sup>12</sup>**Give me not up to the will of my adversaries;  
for false witnesses have risen against me,  
and they breathe out violence.**

<sup>13</sup>I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of God  
in the land of the living!

<sup>14</sup>**Wait for God;  
be strong, and let your heart take courage;  
wait for God!**

## **Philippians 3:17—4:1**

<sup>17</sup>Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. <sup>18</sup>For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. <sup>19</sup>Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. <sup>20</sup>But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup>who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the

power that enables him even to subject all things to himself. <sup>1</sup>Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

Word of God, Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

Hymn 177



**Luke 13:31-35**

The Holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O God.**

<sup>31</sup>At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” <sup>32</sup>And he said to them, “Go and tell that fox, ‘Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I finish my course. <sup>33</sup>Nevertheless, I must go on my way today and tomorrow and the day following, for it cannot be that a prophet should perish away from Jerusalem.’ <sup>34</sup>O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! <sup>35</sup>Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!’”

The Gospel of the Living One. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

Hymn 177

**Special Music**

“Light of the World”

Chancel Choir

**Sermon**

Pastor Matthew Bode

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple  
 2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -  
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to  
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;  
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us  
 your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,  
 we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion

bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age  
 free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age  
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days,  
 lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal,  
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

### Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## Prayers of Intercession

Assistant: Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

### *Feed Us with Hunger for Justice*

(ACS 968)

*Optional descant*

The image shows two staves of musical notation. The top staff is labeled 'Optional descant' and contains the lyrics 'Feed us jus - tice. Feed us your peace.' The bottom staff contains the lyrics 'Feed us with hun-ger for jus-tice. Feed us with thirst for peace.' The music is in a simple, melodic style with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. A triplet of eighth notes is marked with a '3' and a bracket above it in the bottom staff.

Holy God, you long to gather your church under your wings. Bless the churches of Jerusalem, and all persecuted churches, that your people may take heart and stand firm as they witness and minister in your name. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Holy God, you give shelter to living things as numerous as the stars. Strengthen the voice of prophets who call humanity to faithful care for the planet, that they would not be silenced but heeded as your messengers. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

### *Feed Us with Hunger for Justice*

Holy God, you raised up leaders like Abram, Sarai, and Paul to show your people what it means to rely on your promises. Guide today's leaders to work for justice and safeguard the world for future generations. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Holy God, you are the stronghold of our life. Care tenderly for those who are ill in body or mind, and for people living in fear or need, especially those we bring to you now... May all know they are not alone. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

### *Feed Us with Hunger for Justice*

Holy God, you offer us citizenship in heaven. Unite communities of faith who are divided over earthly things, that following the way of your Son, they may set aside grudges and serve their neighbors with generosity and love. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Holy God, you are our light and our salvation. We give thanks for the saints who have gone before us. Help us to trust in you as they did and to live according to their example. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**



## Feed Us with Hunger for Justice

Pastor: Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life. **Amen.**

### Offertory

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

Hymn 188

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me, Cast me not a - way from your  
pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -  
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,  
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

### Offertory Prayer:

Pastor: God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Ways to give -

- Venmo @ZionFerndale (confirmation code 7498)
- Vanco mobile app (code VHLXGH)
- [www.zionlutheranmi.org](http://www.zionlutheranmi.org)
- Offering plate located in the middle of the center aisle
- Mail to church mailing address

## Eucharistic Prayer

Pastor: God be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to God.**

Let us give thanks to our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We come before you in all humility and joy, praising your name and joining in the unending hymn of your blessed creation....

(Hymn 190)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry,



Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Savior Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

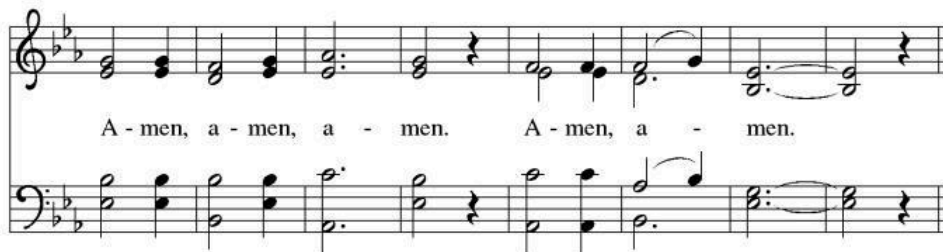
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim Christ's death until he comes.



Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Creator, Savior, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.



Pastor: Holy One, remember us in your reign and teach us to pray:

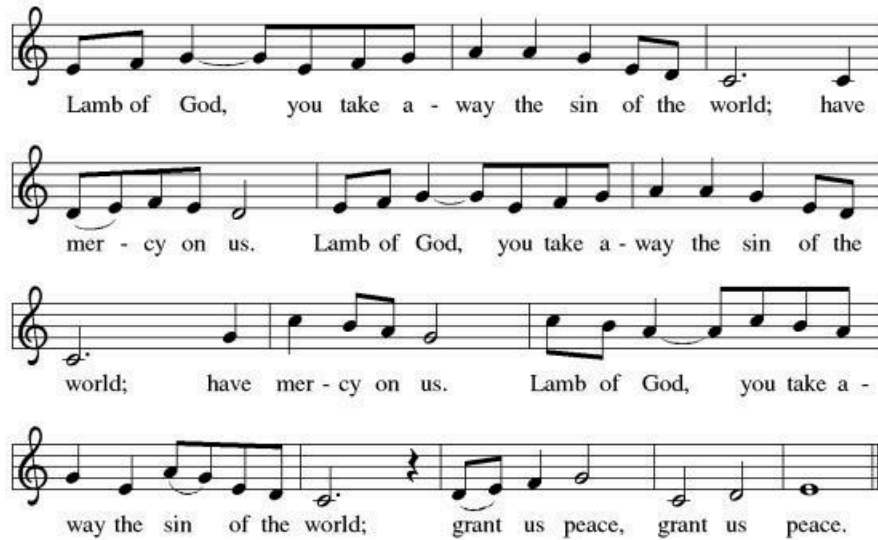
**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory  
are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

Pastor: Come to the banquet for all is now read

## Distribution

Zion welcomes and encourages those of all faith backgrounds to communion. We believe that the death and resurrection of Christ makes us all worthy and needing of the sacrament regardless of background, age or any other factor.

(pg 112)



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -  
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## “My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”

Hymn 597



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less than  
2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I  
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus -  
4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh,  
Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; no mer - it of my  
rest on his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and  
tain me in the rag - ing flood; when all sup - ports are  
may I then in him be found, clothed in his righ - teous -  
own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name,  
storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.  
washed a - way, he then is all my hope and stay.  
ness a - lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

*Refrain*  
On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

“Thy Holy Wings”

Hymn 613

1 Thy ho - ly wings, O Sav - ior, spread gent - ly o - ver me,  
2 Oh, let me nes - tle near thee, with - in thy down - y breast  
3 Oh, wash me in the wa - ters of No - ah's cleans - ing flood.

and let me rest se - cure - ly through good and ill in thee.  
where I will find sweet com - fort and peace with - in thy nest.  
Give me a will - ing spir - it, a heart both clean and good.

Oh, be my strength and por - tion, my rock and hid - ing place,  
Oh, close thy wings a - round me and keep me safe - ly there,  
Oh, take in - to thy keep - ing thy chil - dren great and small,

and let my ev - 'ry mo - ment be lived with - in thy grace,  
for I am but a new - born and need thy ten - der care.  
and while we sweet - ly slum - ber, en - fold us one and all.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are arranged in four systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The first system includes three numbered verses. The second system continues the lyrics. The third system includes a prayerful plea. The fourth system concludes the hymn with a final line of lyrics.

Pastor: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

*Refrain*  
 Lead me, guide me, a - long the way;  
 for if you lead me, I can - not stray.  
 Lord, let me walk each day with thee.  
 Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

1 I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r  
 2 Help me tread in the paths of righ - teous - ness,  
 3 I am lost if you take your hand from me,  
 to help me o - ver my weak - est hour.  
 be my aid when Sa - tan and sin op - press.  
 I am blind with - out . . . thy light to see.

Help me through the dark - ness thy face to see.  
 I am put - ting all . . . my trust in thee.  
 Lord, just al - ways let me thy ser - vant be.

*Refrain*  
 Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

**Benediction**

The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The God of all grace ☩ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Assistant: Go in peace, live justly and kindly. **Thanks be to God!**

**Postlude**

**Today's Worship Leaders:**

Assistant Minister: Jim Littrell

Lector: Abby Jacobs

Cantor: Randi Hamilton

Cross Bearer: Frankie Hicks

Juniors Teacher: n/a

**Staff:**

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