

ORDER OF SERVICE
for
Zion Lutheran Church
500 South Old Route 66
Mt. Olive, IL 62069

Sunday Worship
February 25, 2024
Second Sunday in Lent

Worship Leaders This Morning:

Pastor:	Rev. Zachary Krampien
Assisting Minister and Acolyte:	Walter Friesner
Accompanist:	Jane Pastrovich
Musicians:	Kevin Mihelcic
Prepare Communion:	Todd Stewart
Greeter:	Kevin Mihelcic
Ushers:	Warren and Jane Hemann
Reader:	Gretchen Niehaus
Communion Assistants:	Vi Kruse
Wash Communion Ware:	Cindy DeBoard
Media Team:	Scott Schuette, Mark and Heather Davis
Altar Guild This Month:	Kelly and Kay Brines
Refreshments This Week:	Jane Hemann and Mary Stewart

Gathering

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus.

C **Amen.**

P Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Holy God,

C **we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free. We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold. We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up. We keep score in our hearts. We let hurts grow into hatred. For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord. Amen.**

P Here is a flood of grace: Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life through ✠ Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

HYMN

Celebration Hymnal #314

What Wondrous Love is This? Verses 1, 3, 4

What wondrous love is this,

O my soul, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this,

O my soul!

*What wondrous love is this
That caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse
For my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul.*

*To Go and to the Lamb
I will sing, I will sing;
To God and the Lamb I will sing.
To God and to the Lamb
Who is the great "I AM,"
While millions join the theme,
I will sing, I will sing,
While millions join the theme, I will sing.*

*And when from death I'm free,
I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.
And when from death I'm free,
I'll sing and joyful be,
And thro' eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And thro' eternity, I'll sing on.*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

FIRST READING: Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16

¹When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. ²And I will make my covenant between me and you and will make you exceedingly numerous." ³Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, ⁴"As for me, this is my covenant with

you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.”

¹⁵God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

P Word of God, Word of Life.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY

Video

CHILDREN’S TIME

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

WOV Hymnal #667

Stay Here

Stay here and keep watch with me.

The hour has come.

Stay here and keep watch with me.

Watch and pray.

P the Holy Gospel according to Mark the 8th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Mark 8: 31-38

³¹[Jesus] began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON

HYMN

Celebration Hymnal #319

Near the Cross

Verses 1, 3, 4

*Jesus, keep me near the cross –
There a precious fountain,
Free to all, a healing stream,
Flows from Calv’ry’s mountain.*

*In the cross, in the cross
Be my glory ever,
Till my raptured soul shall find
Rest beyond the river.
Near the cross! O Lamb of God,
Bring its scenes before me;
Help me walk from day to day
With its shadows o’er me.*

*In the cross, in the cross
Be my glory ever,
Till my raptured soul shall find
Rest beyond the river.*

*Near the cross I’ll watch and wait,
Hoping, trusting ever,
Till I reach the golden strand,
Just beyond the river.*

*In the cross, in the cross
Be my glory ever,
Till my raptured soul shall find
Rest beyond the river.*

OUR PRAYERS

A Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

A brief silence.

A We turn to you for meaning, holy God. Nurture in your children the gifts of the Spirit poured out in baptism and let the mind of Christ guide the church. Give wisdom and discernment to our bishops, pastors, deacons, teachers, and leaders. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A We turn to you for renewal. Save lives and ecosystems threatened by pollution and a changing climate. Cleanse the earth's waters and restore the soil. Preserve rainforests, deserts, and wildlife, that generations to come may cherish your creation. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A We turn to you for justice. Uphold the worth and dignity of every person, especially any who experience hatred and rejection because of gender, ability, sexual orientation, color, ethnicity, or religion. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A We turn to you for healing. Send compassionate helpers to any who suffer because of war and violence. Shelter unhoused people, befriend those who are lonely, bring hope to any in despair, and console the bereaved (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A We turn to you for purpose. Remind us of your faithfulness to this congregation. Increase our trust in your guidance and keep us near the cross. Grant that our acts of service will express Christ's sacrificial love. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A We turn to you for peace. We honor the saints who lived in service to others (especially *Elizabeth Fedde, deaconess, whom we commemorate today*). Inspire us by their example until you gather us into your kingdom. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

P Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C **Amen.**

SONG

*Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to you children praying,
Send us love, send us power, send us grace.*

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

C *We give thee but Thee but Thine own,
Whate'er the gift may be.
All that we have is Thine alone –
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.*

*May we Thy bounties thus
As stewards true receive,
And gladly as Thou blesses us,
To Thee our first-fruits give. Amen*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name.

C **Amen.**

LORD'S SUPPER PRAYER

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 God thanks and praise.**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord 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.

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**

LAMB OF GOD

WOV Hymnal #622

C *Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
 have mercy on us.*
 *Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
 have mercy on us.*
 *Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
 grant us peace.*

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Bread for the journey. A feast for hungry hearts. Come!
C Amen

Please be Seated

COMMUNION

COMMUNION BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.
C Amen.

BLESSING

P Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and ✝ give you peace.
C Amen.

Please be Seated

HYMN

Celebration Hymnal #318

*I Believe in a Hill Called Mt. Calvary
There are things as we travel this earth's shifting sands
That transcend all the reason of man;*

*But the things that matter the most in this world,
They can never be held in our hand.*

*I believe in a hill called Mount Calv'ry –
I'll believe whatever the cost;
And when time has surrendered and earth is no more,
I'll still cling to that old rugged cross.*

*I believe that Christ who was slain on that cross
Has the power to change lives today;
For He changed me completely,
A new life is mine,
That is why by the cross I will stay.*

*I believe in a hill called Mount Calv'ry –
I'll believe whatever the cost;
And when time has surrendered and earth is no more,
I'll still cling to that old rugged cross.*

*I believe that this life with its great mysteries
Surely someday will come to an end;
But faith will conquer the darkness and death
And will lead me at last to my friend.*

*I believe in a hill called Mount Calv'ry –
I'll believe whatever the cost;
And when time has surrendered and earth is no more,
I'll still cling to that old rugged cross.*

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Share your bread.

C Thanks be to God.

DOXOLOGY

C *Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;*

*Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

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Worship Services

Worship begins at 10:30 a.m. at Zion Lutheran Church in Mt. Olive
And at 8:30 a.m. at Zion Evangelical Church in Gillespie.

Office Hours

Pastor Zach will be in the office on Tuesdays and Wednesdays
from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.
Mondays and Thursdays he will be at Zion in Gillespie.

Luan will continue to work Wednesday and Thursday
from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Annual Meeting after the Worship Service!

The Annual Congregation Meeting will be held on today immediately following the worship service. The Following Subjects will be addressed and need the congregation's approval.

2024 Budget

2024-2026 Congregation Council positions

Amendment to the By-Laws to go from
an 11-member Council to a 9-member Council.

A Carry-in dinner will follow the meeting.

Lenten Services

Lenten services began on Wednesday, February 21st alternating between Zion-Mt. Olive and Zion-Gillespie. The services will begin at 7:00 p.m.

A meal will be offered at 6:00 p.m. at Zion in Mt. Olive and a soup supper will be offered at Zion in Gillespie.

All are invited to attend the Gillespie Zion's Soup Supper and Lenten services.

Zion-Mt. Olive

February 21st

March 6th

March 20th

Zion-Gillespie

February 28th

March 13th

Our Lenten Discipline

During Lent we will be collecting items for our Mt. Olive Care Center for those in our community who need food and other essentials.

Each week during Lent we are collecting an item, items, or a monetary donation according to the listing below. Please bring your item/s up to the altar when coming up for communion and place on the tables.

Sunday, February 25: Canned Meals

Dinty Moore Beef Stew, Pasta in can, Instant Potatoes. Etc.

Sunday, March 3: Cereal-Hot or Cold

Boxed cereal including oatmeal.

Save the Date!

The Sisters of Zion will have a Spring Fling Luncheon on Saturday, April 27th at 1:00 p.m. Tickets will go on sale after Easter.

More information will follow in The Steeple and The People as we get closer to the date.

Pocket Crosses

Pocket Crosses made by the Sisters of Zion are still available on the showcase in the Narthex.

Praise Band/Choir

The Praise Band/Choir will meet on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.

March 7th

March 14th

March 21st

March 28th

All are invited to join us.

Love Fund

Every now and then, we have someone come to Zion in need of immediate monetary help with gas, etc. on a day when the Care Center is closed.

A fund has been set up to help those people in need. If you would like to contribute to this fund, you may put your contribution in the collection plate or mail it to Zion Lutheran Church.

THIS WEEK AT ZION

Tues.	6:30 pm	Al-anon Meeting
Wed.	6:00 pm	Lenten Soup Supper at Zion in Gillespie
“	7:00 pm	Lenten Worship Service Zion in Gillespie

SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2024

9:30 am	Sunday School
10:30 am	Worship Service with Communion

WORSHIP SERVICES AT GILLESPIE ZION

8:30 am Worship Services

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS:

For Healing:

Larry Marburger	Mary Stewart	Marilyn Forbes
Dorothy Marburger	Darrell Goodwin	Doug Smith
JoAnn Schuette	Judy McDonald	Debbie Grove
	Forest Rowe	

For All Who Serve in the Military, Especially Those Deployed:

Elaine Nelson (AF)	Austin Travous (A)
Colin Atteberry (AF)	Mitchell Bumgardner (AF)

In Care Facilities:

Jean Vasel: Room
San Gabriel Memory Care, Highland

JoAnn Schuette: Room #28
Copper Creek Cottages, Litchfield