

## *The Watchman for the House*



### **THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**

March 24, 2019

### **ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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Guests. Welcome to Zion. We are glad to have you with us. Please sign our guestbook located in the Narthex. About Holy Communion: We celebrate this Sacrament every Sunday at Zion. We welcome to the Lord's Table all who have repented of their sins and seek to amend their sinful life; all who believe that Jesus is truly present in, with, and under the bread and the wine; and all who believe that through the words "given and shed for you" forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given. If this is your confession and a member of a Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, then come with a thankful heart and join us. See p.329, 330 in the front part of the hymnal for guidance in preparing to receive Holy Communion. We also offer gluten free wafers please notify Elder ahead of time that you would appreciate the gluten free.

## **AS WE GATHER**

Someone's always watching. At least it seems that way, doesn't it? In a world full of security cameras and alarm systems, there seem to be millions of ways to keep your property secure and guard your valuables from intruders who would seek to cause trouble. But what are your thoughts about having someone—an actual living, breathing person—to watch over you and your family at all times and in all places? Lest we think that a security detail like that is available only to the rich and the powerful, listen to what the Lord God said to Ezekiel: "Son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel" (Ezekiel 33:7). The entire house of God, which has been watched over by the prophets of old, is now under the authority and care of the Son of God and Son of Man, Jesus Christ. He is your ultimate watchman who guards and protects you from the threats of the evil thief who "comes only to steal and kill and destroy" (John 10:10). Place yourself under the watchful eye and merciful care of this watchman today! Watch Him, hear Him, and receive Him as He serves you in His Father's house and fills you with the life that He alone can provide.

**Altar Guild for March:**

*Connie K*

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Order of Worship

Divine Service 3

Divine Service Lutheran Service Book -

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Opening Hymn:

“Lord, to You I Make Confession”

LSB 608

Confession and Absolution

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### Introit for Third Sunday in Lent

For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, **but the way of the wicked will perish.**

For you are not a God who delights in wickedness; **evil may not dwell with you.**

The boastful shall not stand before your eyes; **you hate all evildoers.**

You destroy those who speak lies; **the LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.**

But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love, will enter your house.

**I will bow down toward your holy temple in the fear of you.**

Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness because of my enemies; **make your way straight before 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.**

For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, **but the way of the wicked will perish.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

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P: The Lord be with you



P: Let us pray

### Collect for Third Sunday in Lent

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever



### OLD TESTAMENT READING

**Ezekiel 33:7–11**

(The prophet serves as a watchman for the house of Israel.)



7 “Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the people of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me.

8 When I say to the wicked, ‘You wicked person, you will surely die,’ and you do not speak out to dissuade them from their ways, that wicked person will die for their sin, and I will hold you accountable for their blood.

9 But if you do warn the wicked person to turn from their ways and they do not do so, they will die for their sin, though you yourself will be saved. 10 “Son of man, say to the Israelites, ‘This is what you are saying: “Our offenses and sins weigh us down, and we are wasting away because of them. How then can we live?”’

11 Say to them, ‘As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live. Turn! Turn from your evil ways! Why will you die, people of Israel?’

P: This is the Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

**EPISTLE**

**1 Corinthians 10:6–13**

(Our faithful God provides the way of escape to help us endure our trials and temptations.)

6 Now these things occurred as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did. 7 Do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written: “The people sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry.” 8 We should not commit sexual immorality, as some of them did—and in one day twenty-three thousand of them died. 9 We should not test Christ, as some of them did—and were killed by snakes.

10 And do not grumble, as some of them did—and were killed by the destroying angel.

11 These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the culmination of the ages has come. 12 So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don’t fall!

13 No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

P: This is the Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the thirteenth chapter.

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL**

**Luke 13:1–9**

(Jesus warns us that we will all perish unless we repent.)

1 Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices.

2 Jesus answered, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way?”

3 I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish.  
 4 Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them—do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? 5 I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish.”  
 6 Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree growing in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it but did not find any.  
 7 So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, ‘For three years now I’ve been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven’t found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?’ 8 “ ‘Sir,’ the man replied, ‘leave it alone for one more year, and I’ll dig around it and fertilize it. 9If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.’ ”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Nicene Creed or Apostle’s Creed** **Page 191 or 192**

**Sermon Hymn:**  
     **“Just as I Am without One Plea”** **LSB 570**

**Sermon**

**The Offering**

**Prayer of the Church**

**Agnus Dei** **Page 198**

**Word’s of Institution** **Page 199**

**Distribution of the Lord’s Supper**

**Communion Hymns:**  
     **“O Lord, We Praise Thee”** **LSB 617**  
     **“Your Table I Approach”** **LSB 628**  
     **“Dear Christians, One and All Rejoice”** **LSB 556**

Nunc Dimittis

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Prayer and Benediction

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Closing Hymn:

“To Thee, Omniscient Lord of All”

LSB 613

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## Announcements

*From the Board of Stewardship and Evangelism:*

**Luke 13:3 – “No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.”** The season of Lent is all about repentance – turning back to the Lord, away from our sins, in faith. We know that it is only in the Lord that we can find salvation. So we do well in this season of repentance to examine ourselves, asking questions like, “What is trying to keep me away from Jesus?” “What is a temptation I face?” “What is a sin I need to repent of and leave behind?” Then we turn to the Lord for the strength to leave these sins behind, and we pray for the courage to follow Him in faith and faithful living.

## *The Pewpoint*

### THEME OF THE DAY

#### *Jesus Calls You to Repentance*

“Unless you repent, you will all likewise perish” (Luke 13:3, 5). By this warning, the Lord would turn us away from wickedness and bring us to life in Himself. For He is patient with us, that we not be cut down in our sin but live and bear fruit in Him. As He lives, the Lord has “no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live” (Ezek. 33:11). So the Scriptures have been “written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has

come” (1 Cor. 10:11), that we should not desire evil but trust in Christ. He alone is faithful, the Rock who feeds us with His “spiritual food” and pours out His “spiritual drink” (1 Cor. 10:3–4).

**Attendance:**

Lenten Service: 50  
Sunday Service: 64 Communed: 56

**YES IN CHRIST -- Saying Yes With Our Treasures**

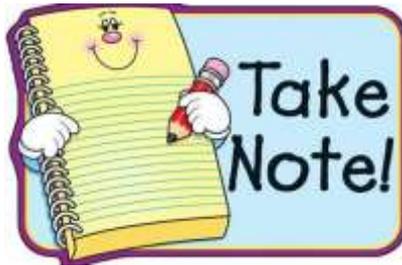
Needed per week to make budget: \$2,677

Sunday Envelopes: \$1,378  
Plate: \$115  
Lent: \$395  
Automatic Deposit: \$50

**THIS WEEK AT ZION**

Sunday	After Church	Sunday School
Tuesday	6:00pm to 7:30pm	Adult Bible Class @ Trinity
Wednesday	6:00pm to 7:00pm	Confirmation Class
	5:30 pm	Bell Choir
	6:00 pm	Soup Supper
	7:00 pm	Lenten Service
	8:00 pm	Voice Choir

**GRAPEVINE ARTICLES ARE DUE**



April 4th – Council Meeting

April 5th – The Gathering Source Annual Spring to Action

June – Confirmation – date to do determined



The March 2019 Lutheran Witness has arrived. If you want a copy they are on the table in the narthex.

Thank you Penny Buska for playing for us today.





Only a couple of weeks left for the Lenten soup Suppers. Come down at 6pm and join in some healthy conversation.

## HOLY WEEK



## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

April 18<sup>th</sup> – Maundy Thursday Service @ 7pm

April 19<sup>th</sup> – Good Friday Services @ 1:30pm & 7pm

April 21<sup>st</sup> – Easter Sunday Services 6:30am & 9:30am with  
Easter Breakfast in between

Are you interested in putting flowers on the altar this Easter? There's a sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex.





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We hope to see you at our Spring to Action Fundraiser Friday, April 5. There will be plenty of fun at this year's *Wild West* event! Please visit our website to purchase your tickets.

Thank you again and we hope we can count on you for your continued support. Please be sure to Like our Facebook page to keep up to date on all that is happening at The Gathering Source. We also encourage you to sign up for our newsletter at [www.thegatheringsource.org](http://www.thegatheringsource.org).

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*Laurel M. Lunde*

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