

Zion Lutheran Church

Passing on the faith in the heart of Long Valley since 1760



Sundays in Lent

Traditional Worship Service

9:30AM

Welcome to worship at Zion

We are glad you are here! Every congregation has slightly different worship practices and below are a few of ours.

HOLY COMMUNION: Believing in the “real presence” of Christ, this church practices Eucharistic hospitality; that is, all baptized persons are welcomed to Communion.

***Children** who have not had Communion instruction are invited to receive a blessing. Children who already receive Communion in another congregation may commune here, too.

***Ushers** will direct you to come forward. Please return to your seats by the opposite aisle.

* If you are unable to get to the Communion rail, please tell an usher so that Pastor might, bring Communion to your pew.

*We offer both wine (red) and grape juice (white). Please let the Communion Assistant know if you prefer grape juice.

***Gluten-free wafers** are available by request. The wafers are made of sweet potato and rice flour and are also free of wheat, casein, dairy and yeast.

CHILDREN: We invite children to participate in worship at whatever level they are able, including reading along with the bulletin.

* **Children’s sermon:** Typically, children up to 5th grade come forward. If new or your child is shy, you might consider coming up with child/ren.

* **Childcare** is available after children's time until before Communion. It’s held in Fields Hall, behind the sanctuary.

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Note: Words in bold are spoken by the congregation.

PRELUDE

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as people of God.

WELCOME

INTROIT

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation... Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

**Help us to confess that we trust in ourselves rather than in you,
and that we easily become complacent.**

**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 and Lord. Amen.**

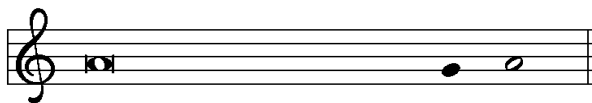
Hear the good news...and revives you in the Spirit's power. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

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GREETING

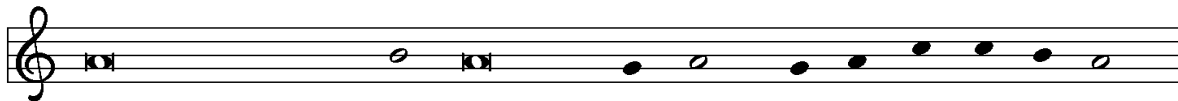
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ...be with you all. **And also with you.**



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



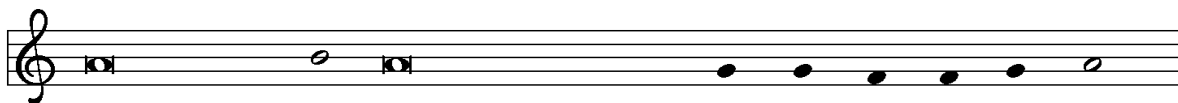
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Response after prayer: Amen.

The congregation is seated.

Word

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

READINGS

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Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,



slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

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The congregation stands.

APOSTLES' CREED

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.**

**catholic with a small "c" refers to the universal church, as the Greek word "katholikos" means universal or whole. "Catholic" with a capital "C" refers to the Roman Catholic Church.*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: Hear us O God, **your mercy is great.***

PEACE

The pastor and the congregation greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

ANTHEM

OFFERING SONG: “Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God”



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 to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

OFFERING PRAYER

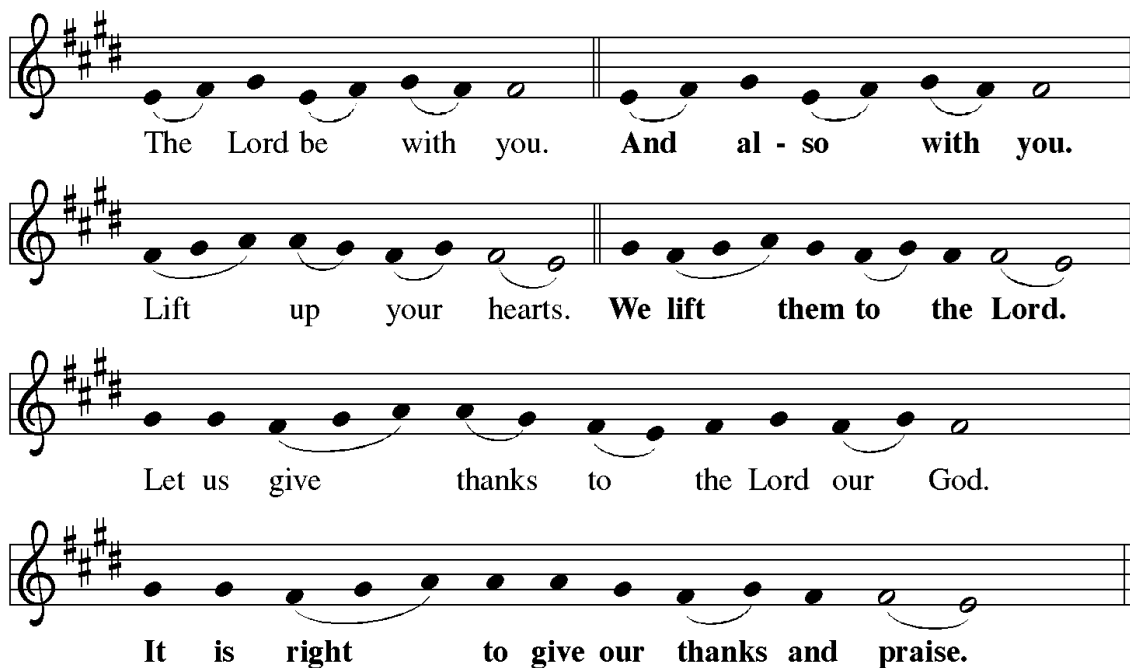
God our provider,

**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 Lord. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The pastor greets the congregation and invites all present to give thanks.



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

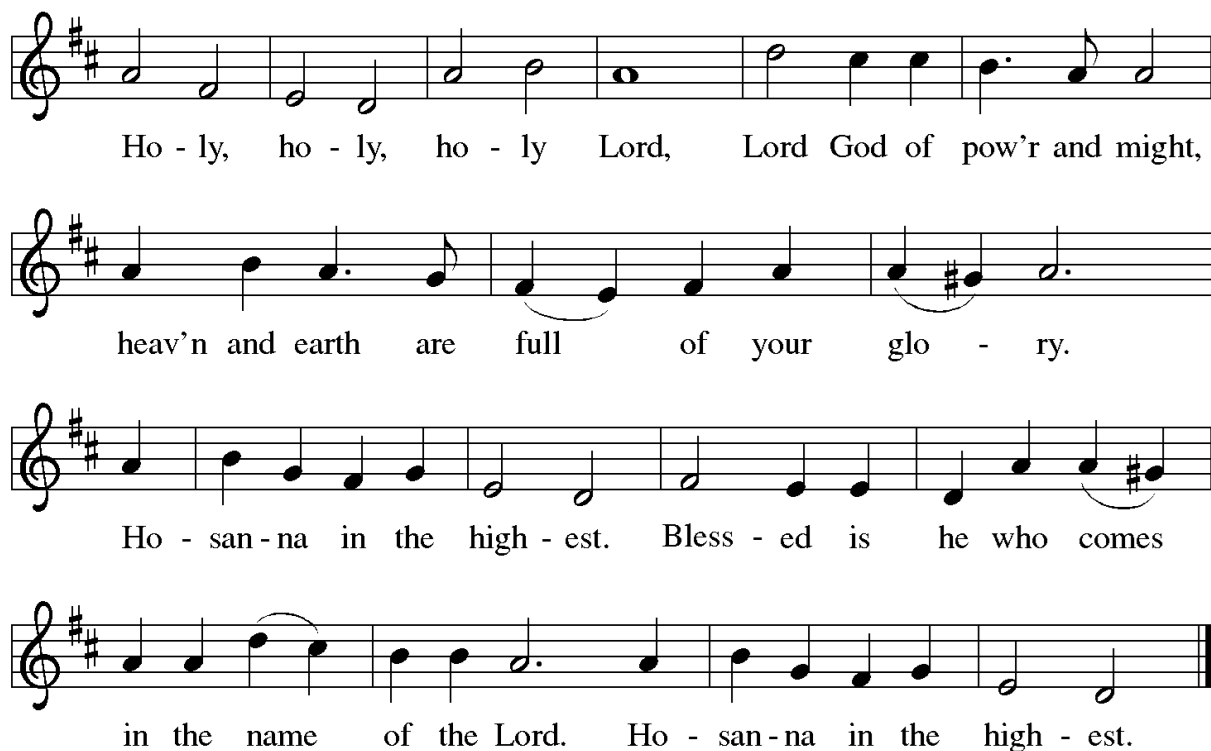
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves, each with a treble clef. The melody is simple, using quarter and eighth notes with slurs. The lyrics are written below the notes.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise . . . *Continuing with the preface for the day, concluding:* . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

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.

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The pastor continues with the Words of Institution.

In the night in which he was betrayed...**Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving concludes with the Lord's Prayer.

Let us pray:

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Taste and see that the Lord is good. **Amen.**



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.

The congregation is seated.

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say:

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Response after prayer. Amen.

Sending

God blesses us and sends us into the world to serve our neighbor.

BLESSING

The pastor proclaims God's blessing.

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and holy spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

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The congregation is seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

The pastor sends the congregation into mission.

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Wednesday Evenings in Lent: Soup & Vespers

Let's get together for fellowship & worship this Lent. Please feel free to come to one or both activities on Wednesdays Feb 21, 28, March 6, 13, 20.

6PM Soup Supper

Join together with a small group of Christian friends in Lent, for a simple dinner and fellowship. We need 2 soup makers each Wednesday. Please sign up in Field's Hall or let the parish office know if you can make soup.

7PM Lenten Vespers

We'll gather in the sanctuary for a 30-minute evening worship service - an ancient liturgy that begins in the dark with candles and proclaims Jesus to be the light of the world.

Theme: The faith practice of prayer. We have an existential need to pray to our Creator. Come and reflect upon the basics: Why, what, when, where and how to pray. And when it comes to the Christian faith, do we ever leave the basics?!

Mar 6 When should we pray?

Mar 13 Where should we pray?

Mar 20 How should we pray?

Offerings will be donated to Faith Kitchen, a soup kitchen housed in Trinity Lutheran Church in Dover.



Holy Week

Holy Week is the most sacred week in the whole Christian year. It's far more than a historical journey through Jesus' last week – from the triumphal palm process, Last Supper, crucifixion through to the resurrection – it's more about experiencing Jesus'

death and resurrection in our lives today.

3/24 Palm Sunday

8:30AM Sunday School

9:30AM Begins with palm procession outside.

3/28 Maundy Thursday

7:30PM Holy Communion service concluding with the stripping of the altar

3/29 Good Friday

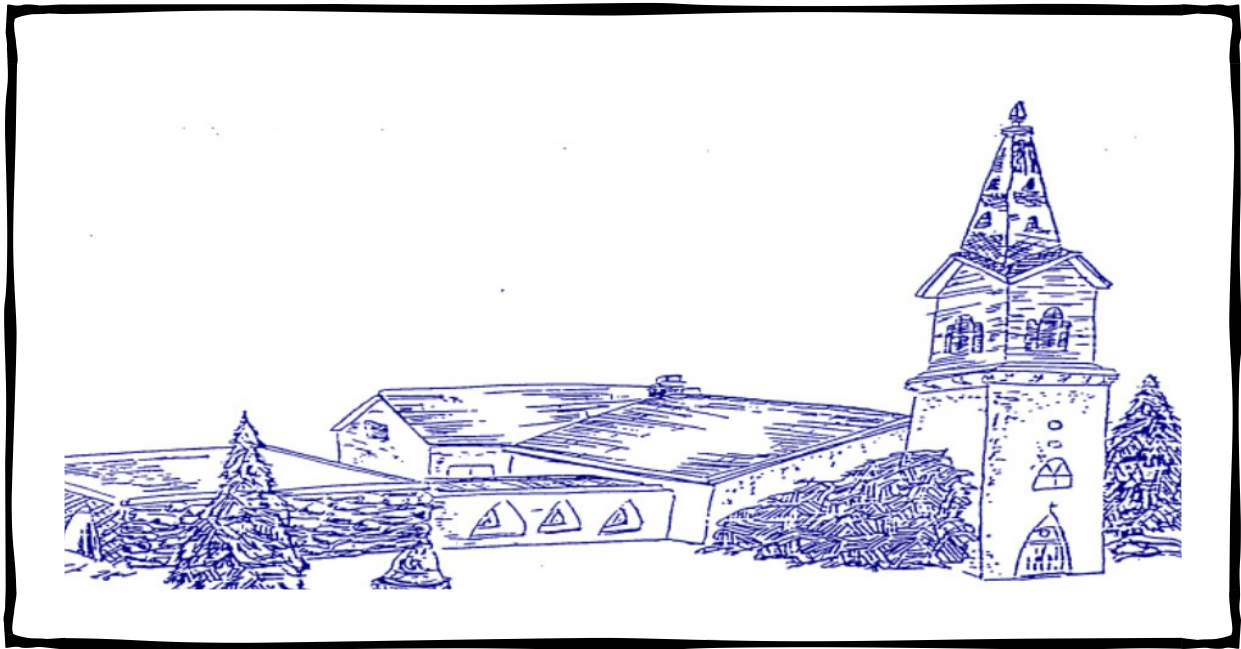
LV Good Friday Cross Walk for peace 11:45am (gather at LV Presbyterian Church) procession to Zion with prayer stops along the way.

7:30PM Tenebrae Service of the Word

3/31 Easter Sunday

9:30AM Easter Sunday service

10:35AM Easter Bunch



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