

Announcements

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Little Free Pantry – grocery gift cards are needed. You can either purchase them yourself or send a cash donation and we will get them. If you're not able to get them to Davey, you can send them to Pastor Kris, Mike, Jerri or Judy.

In person worship at Zion on March 7 at 11:30. The in-person service will have the same readings and message and communion as Zoom worship, but no singing.

Lent Midweek – Lent midweek will be at 6:30 on Zoom. Our theme is "The Character of God." We sing parts of Holden Evening Prayer and watch a video and discuss, then have time for prayer. Hope to see you there!

Lent projects – Rally 4 Kids - We will take a collection at in person worship at Zion on March 7 for the Rally for Kids. If you will worship online that day, please mail your contribution to your respective treasurer – make it out to the church with LFS Rally 4 Kids in the memo line.

Personal Care Kits – we will gather these at Maundy Thursday worship in person at Bethlehem. If you will worship online that evening, you can bring the kits to an in person worship at either church earlier in March

Zoom log in for worship Sunday at 10 am –

Phone number - 312 626 6799

Link – [Zoom Worship](#)

Meeting ID: 810 4110 5173

Passcode: 349445

Zoom log in for Lent Midweek Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

Link - [Lent Midweek Zoom](#)

Meeting ID: 886 6188 3348

Passcode: 164572

Phone: 312 626 6799

Bethlehem/Zion Worship

February 28, 2021

Second Sunday in Lent

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Gathered in the name of the triune God +, we confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

P: God of mercy,

C: Jesus was faithful even in the face of death, yet we so often fail you in day to day living. Our commitment is shaky, our promises are unreliable, and our actions are questionable. We quit when discipleship becomes difficult and complain that we don't get enough credit. Forgive us our neglect of your mission and our lukewarm devotion and wake us up to the urgency of your gospel.

P: God is gracious and merciful and abounding in steadfast love. In the name of Jesus Christ + I declare to you the forgiveness of all your sin. May the giver of life restore us to the joy of discipleship and service.
Amen.

Gathering Hymn *For the Fruit of All Creation*

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Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all

C: And also with you

Prayer of the Day

Merciful God,

You long for your people to bear the fruits of mercy and repentance. Tend and guide our growth into a faithful people who serves you and the world you love, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

First Reading: Galatians 5:13-15; 22-23

¹³ For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. ¹⁴ For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁵ If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

²² The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control.

Narrative Reading: Luke 13:1-9, 31-35

13 At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ² He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? ³ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴ Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

⁶ Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷ So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' ⁸ He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹ If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

³¹ At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." ³² He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³ Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' ³⁴ Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵ See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

Sermon

Art Reflection

Hymn of the Day *Thy Holy Wings*

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Apostle's 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.

Prayers of Intercession - Unmute

Exchange of Peace – Unmute

P: The peace of Christ be with you all

R: And also with you.

Please share the peace with one another

Offering

Offertory Prayer

You demand faithfulness and not perfection, O God. May these offerings be true reflections of our gratitude for your gifts, and may they be blessed to benefit those who need them, by the power of your Spirit. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

P: May the Lord Bless you and keep you, the Lord's face shine on you with mercy, the Lord look upon you with favor + and give you peace. **Amen**

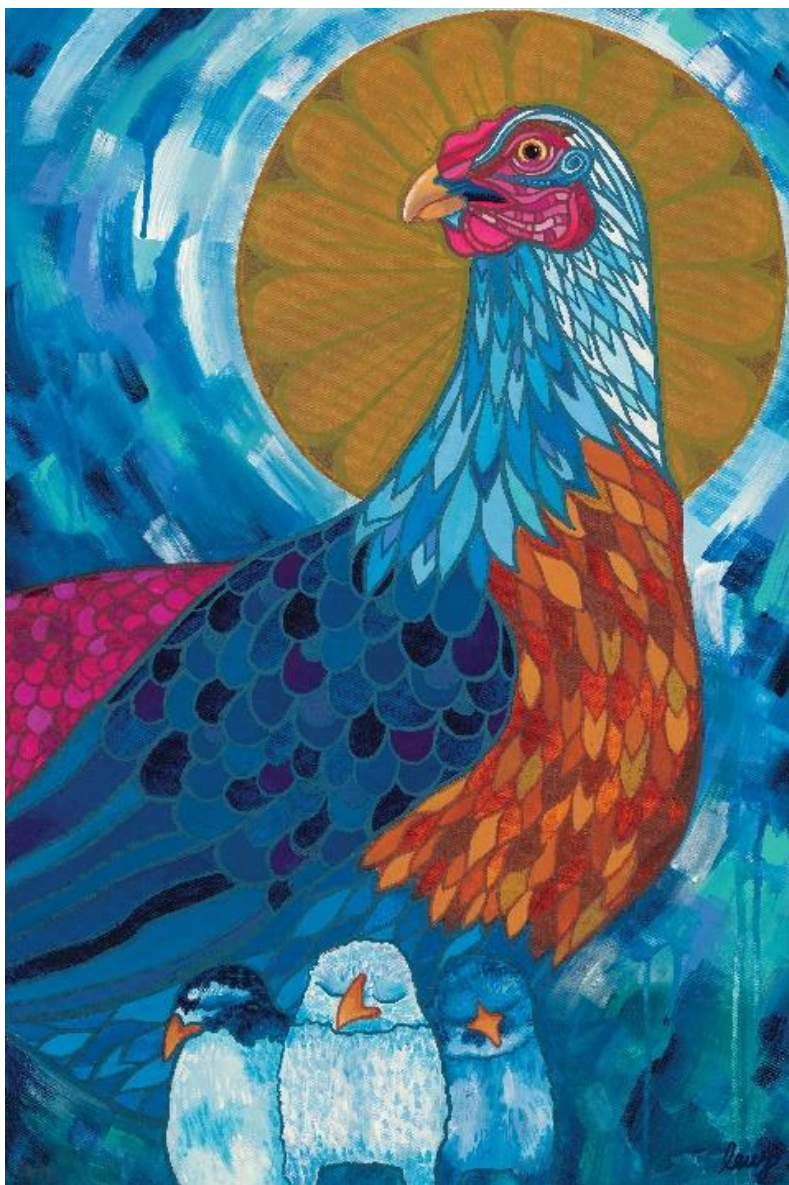
Sending Hymn *God Be With You Till We Meet Again*

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Dismissal

Go in peace to love God and your neighbor.

Thanks be to God.



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For the Fruit of All Creation

1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.

For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.

For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,

fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
 most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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Thy Holy Wings

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.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903, sts. 1, 3; Gracia Grindal, b. 1943, st. 2; tr. composite
 Music: Swedish folk tune; arr. hymnal version
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God Be with You Till We Meet Again

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1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; by good coun - sels guide, up - hold you,
 2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; ho - ly wings se - cure - ly hide you,
 3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's per - ils thick con - found you,

with a shep - herd's care en - fold you;
 dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you; God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 put un - fail - ing arms a - round you;

Refrain
 Till we meet, till we meet, till we
 till we meet, till we meet a - gain,
 meet at Je - sus' feet; till we meet, till we
 till we meet, till we meet, till we
 meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 meet a - gain,

Text: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1828–1904
 Music: William G. Tomer, 1833–1896

GOD BE WITH YOU
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Lent Projects

There are two options for our Lent projects. I'm hoping we can make a significant contribution to both, but if you're not able to do both, pick whichever one works best for you.

Option 1—Lutheran World Relief Personal Hygiene Kits

Lutheran World Relief sent out a request for Personal Hygiene kits. Given the pandemic and multiple natural disasters, their shelves are bare. Instructions for the kits are on the back of the insert. These kits are sent globally. Make your kit at home and there will be opportunities to bring the kits to church for boxing and shipping. If you're able to pitch in a few bucks for shipping that would be swell.

Option 2—Lutheran Family Service Rally 4 Kids

This is a Nebraska option. Lutheran Family Service in Nebraska provides a variety of services to families in need throughout the state...health care, mental health services including addiction treatment, diapers, help for those suffering from abuse and neglect, poverty, foster care and adoption, and immigration and refugee services.

Usually the rally is a one day event, but this year it's a weeklong drive from March 7 to March 11. If you come to in person worship at Zion on March 7, you can bring a contribution then. Or you can mail it to Mike or Aaron. If we can raise \$600, we qualify as a church sponsor. If you write a check, make it out to the church with LFS or Rally 4 Kids in the memo line.

If you want to look at all the programs LFS has to offer, here's the link:

<https://www.lfsneb.org/>

Personal Care Kit Instructions

INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN EACH PERSONAL CARE KIT

- ONE light-weight bath-size towel (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27"), dark color recommended
- TWO or three bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping
- ONE adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging
- ONE sturdy comb, remove packaging
- ONE metal nail clippers (attached file optional), remove packaging
- * Toothbrush multi-packs may be used by sealing an individual toothbrush in a business-size envelope; no plastic bags or wrap

HOW TO PACK YOUR PROJECT PROMISE KITS

- Fold the towel in half. Place the rest of the items in the towel, fold and roll so nothing falls out, and secure with yarn, ribbon, string or rubber bands.
- Either bring them to the church or contact Pastor Kris and she'll make arrangements to pick yours up