

Zion

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



First Sunday in Lent

March 9, 2025

9:15 am Worship

Live streamed on Zion's facebook page

Or posted at www.zionmanheim.com (Ministry Tab, then video) to view

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE "Suo-gan"

Mark Sedio

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

“Now is the Time of Grace”

Now is the time of grace, now is the day of sal - va - tion.

Turn now, and seek God's face, now be-hold God's in-vi - ta - tion.

Verses – cantor

This is the fast that God would choose:
To loose the bonds of injustice,
To let the captives go free,
And to break the yoke of oppression. *Refrain*

Sharing your bread with the hungry
And welcoming homeless in,
Offering hope and offering help,
This is what God requires. *Refrain*

Then shall your light break forth as dawn,
And healing shall come to you quickly;
Then you shall call and God shall answer,
God's love shall be before you. *Refrain*

*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

God of ancient covenants,
who never breaks trust,
we thank you for baptismal waters
that pour out your steadfast love for all creation.
Thank you for the salvation promise you have kept.
Thank you for Jesus, the Living Water, **Amen.**

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The journey of life inevitably leads to wilderness,
times marked by guilt, frustration,
and the sense that we are not in the right place.
But even in the wilderness, God is with us.
Even in the wilderness, God's mercy is sure.

**As Lent unfolds before us, great God,
we see how far we have to go to Jerusalem.
The road is long, our sins are many,
and our burdens are heavy.
We can't imagine new life, Easter life,
because our current lives are filled
with bad choices and failed efforts.
Meet us in our weakness.
Take up our sins. Ease our burdens.
Carry us on the way.
Bring us to Jerusalem, at last.
Show us a love that is stronger than death,
a love no tomb can hold.**

Kyrie – sing twice

Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son. Chris - te e - le - i - son.


Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son, e - le - i - son, e - le - i - son.

Walking this earth, facing temptation, defeating sin,
Jesus has done for us what we could never do for ourselves.
This is good news!
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!


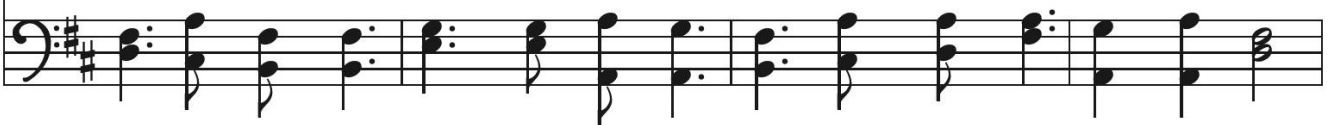
***GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**


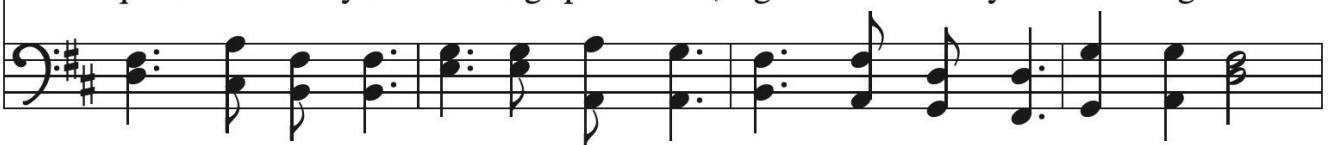
***OPENING HYMN “As the Winter Days Grow Longer”**




1 As the win - ter days grow long - er, draw - ing short the hours of night;
2 As the vines burst in - to blos - som, fra - grant in the morn - ing air,
3 As we jour - ney through this sea - son, pil - grims through a thirst - y land,



as our ea - ger ex - pec - ta - tion waits for Eas - ter's dawn - ing light—
lift - ing spir - its with their sweet - ness, lur - ing hearts to thank - ful prayer—
quench us with your liv - ing pres - ence; guide us with your lov - ing hand.



yearn - ing peo - ple, here we gath - er, turn - ing watch - ful eyes to you:
Lent - en peo - ple, here we gath - er, seek - ing lives re - fresh - ed from sin.
Wan - d'ring peo - ple, here we gath - er, called to rest a - long our way.



God who bless-es earth with spring-time, shine with-in our world a - new!
 God who bless-es earth with spring-time, bloom with-in our hearts a - gain!
 God who bless-es earth with spring-time, grant us sab-bath joy this day!

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Mighty God, you heard the cries of your people
 and rescued them from the hand of their oppressors.

You cared for them in the wilderness.

In the life of Christ, you experienced that wilderness yourself.

As we journey through our own wilderness,

we give thanks that your Spirit sustains us and your love guides us. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

¹ When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ² you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³ You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, “Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.” ⁴ When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, ⁵ you shall make this response before the LORD your God: “A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶ When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷ we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸ The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹ and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰ So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you,

O LORD, have given me.” You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. ¹¹ Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 91:1-2, 9-16

¹ You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty—

² **you will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my stronghold,
my God in whom I put my trust.”**

⁹ Because you have made the LORD your refuge,
and the Most High your habitation,

¹⁰ **no evil will befall you,
nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.**

¹¹ For God will give the angels charge over you,
to guard you in all your ways.

¹² **Upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.**

¹³ You will tread upon the lion cub and viper;
you will trample down the lion and the serpent.

¹⁴ **I will deliver those who cling to me;
I will uphold them, because they know my name.**

¹⁵ They will call me, and I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.

¹⁶ **With long life will I satisfy them, and show them my salvation.**

SECOND READING: Romans 10:8b-13

^{8b} “The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart”
(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹ because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹ The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³ For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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.

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 4th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

***THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 4:1-13**

¹ Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ² where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³ The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” ⁴ Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’”

⁵ Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷ If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” ⁸ Jesus answered him, “It is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’”

⁹ Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰ for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,’

¹¹ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up,

so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

¹² Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” ¹³ When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

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

*HYMN OF THE DAY “When We Are Tested”



1 When we are test - ed and wres - tle a - lone,
2 When in the des - ert we cry for re - lief,
3 When we are tempt - ed to bar - ter our souls,
4 When we have strug - gled and searched through the night,



fam - ished for bread when the world of - fers stone,
plead - ing for paths marked by cer - tain be - lief,
trad - ing the truth for the pow'r to con - trol,
sort - ing and sift - ing the wrong from the right,



nour - ish us, God, by your word and your way,
lift us to love you be - yond sign and test,
teach us to wor - ship and praise on - ly you,
Sav - ior, sur - round us with cir - cles of care,



food that sus - tains us by night and by day.
trust - ing your pres - ence, our on - ly true rest.
seek - ing your will in the work that we do.
an - gels of heal - ing, of hope, and of prayer.

*APOSTLES' CREED

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**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 THE PEOPLE**

*Each petition will end "Have mercy, O God,"
and the response is "hear our prayer."*

***SHARING THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

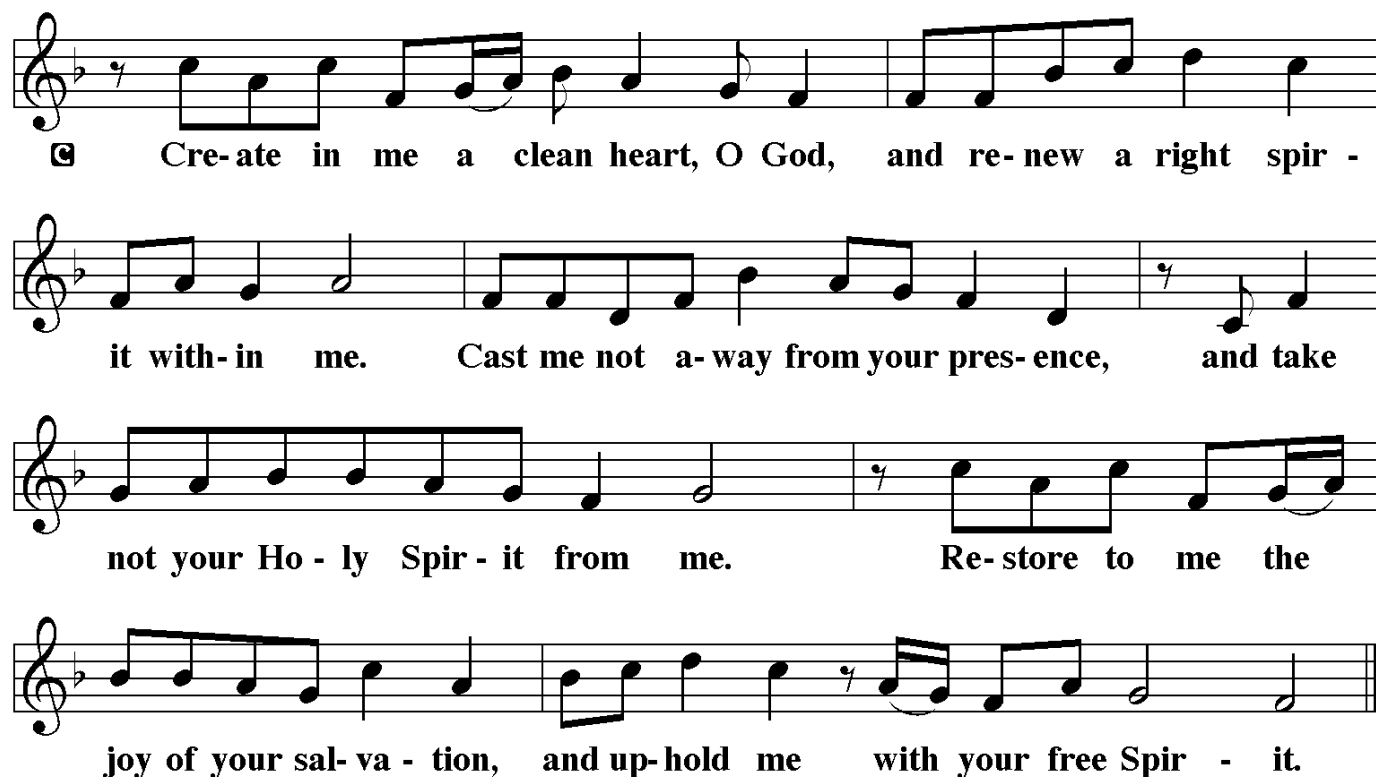
OFFERING MUSIC "Just as I Am, I Come"

Mary McDonald

Sanctuary Choir

A stewardship note: Offering plates have been placed near the entrance to receive your gifts. An additional offering plate is on the stand near the organ. If you miss the chance to drop off your offering when you arrive, you are welcome to place your offering in the plate at the close of the service.

OFFERTORY (*remain seated*)



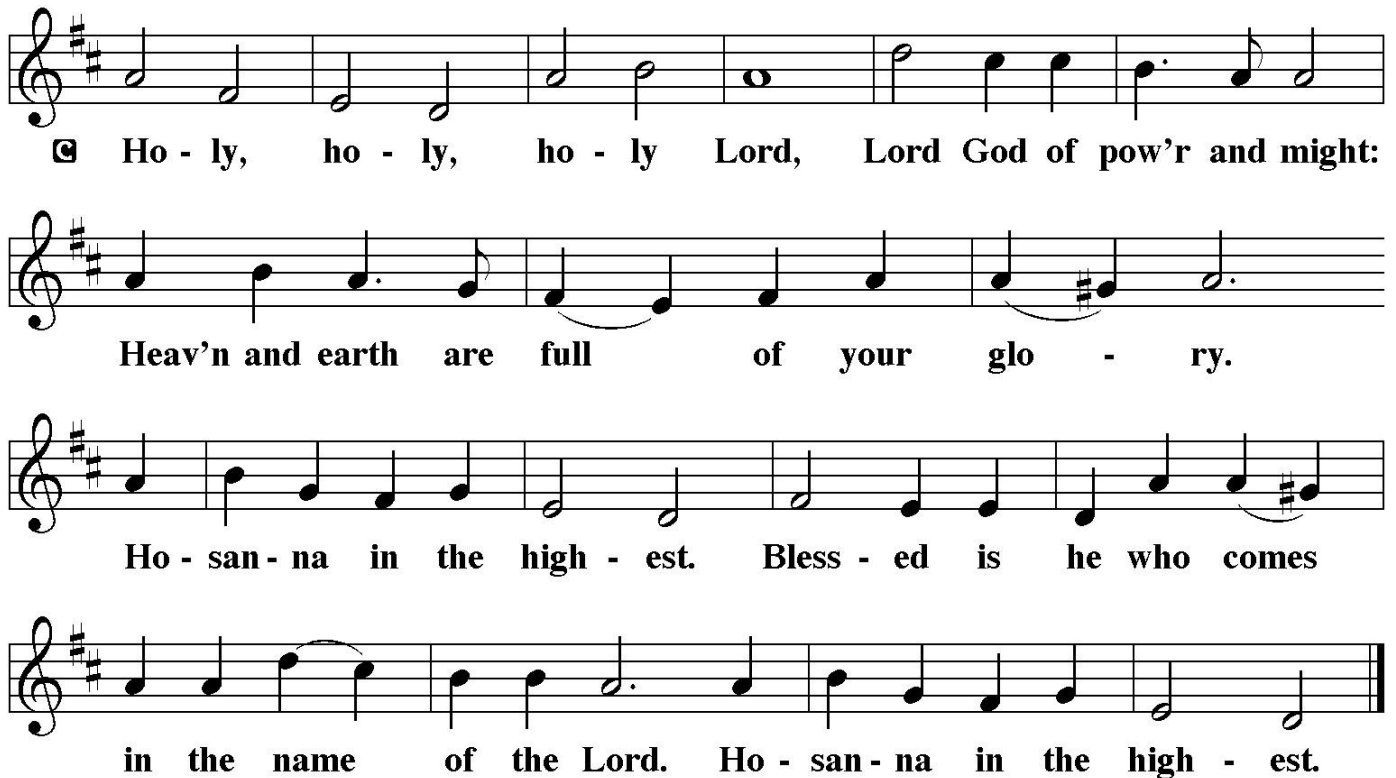
Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir -
it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store to me the
joy of your sal-va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious Provider,
**you set your immense treasures among us,
opening your heart to the world.**
As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love,
**deepen our commitment to sharing those
treasures with others,
through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also 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.
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,...
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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

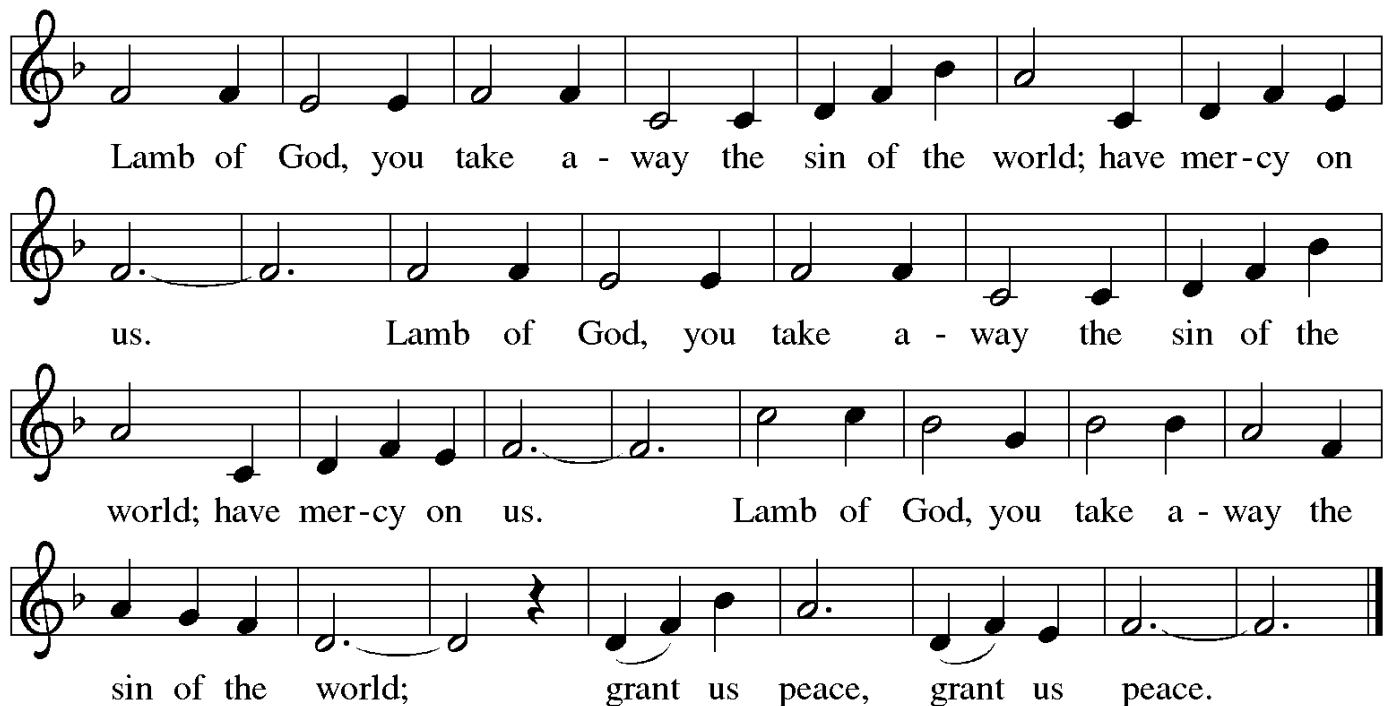
THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 AND DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

We gather at the Lord's Table and all are welcome. Communion will be distributed by continuous progression at the front of the sanctuary, and you are welcome to come forward by side, as directed by the pastor. In addition to the pre-poured cups of communion wine, grape juice (darker in color) is available in the center of each tray, and gluten free wafers are available upon request. You are welcome to kneel at the rail for prayer after receiving the elements. The communion cups may be placed in the small baskets near the end of the pews as you return to your seat.

COMMUNION MUSIC



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.

“On Eagle’s Wings”

Leader or All



1 You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, who a-bide in this shad-ow for life,



say to the Lord: “My ref - uge, my rock in whom I trust!”

Refrain

All



And he will raise you up on ea-gle’s wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,



make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

Leader or All



2 The snare of the fowl-er will nev-er cap-ture you, and fam-ine will bring you no



fear; un - der God’s wings your ref-uge, with faith-ful-ness your shield.

Leader or All



4 For to the an-gels God’s giv - en a com-mand to



guard you in all of your ways; up - on their hands they will

bear you up, lest you dash your foot a - gainst a stone.

Final refrain
All

And he will raise you up on ea-gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,

make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

And hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.

***POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Giving God, living Lord,
you have fed us with your body.
You have poured out your life that we might live.
We thank you,
for we have tasted your goodness in this meal.
Fed, we are strengthened;
filled, we are renewed
to share the abundance of your love
with a hungry world. Amen.

***BENEDICTION**

***CLOSING HYMN "Bless Now, O God the Journey"**

1 Bless now, O God, the jour - ney that all your peo - ple make,
 2 Bless so - journ - ers and pil - grims who share this wind - ing way;
 3 Di - vine e - ter - nal lov - er, you meet us on the road.

the path through noise and si - lence, the way of give and take.
 your hope burns through the ter - rors, your love sus - tains the day.
 We wait for lands of prom - ise where milk and hon - ey flow,

The trail is found in des - ert and winds the moun - tain round,
 We yearn for ho - ly free - dom while of - ten we are bound;
 but wait - ing not for plac - es, you meet us all a - round.

then leads be - side still wa - ters, the road where faith is found.
 to - geth - er we are seek - ing the road where faith is found.
 Our cov - e - nant is writ - ten on roads, as faith is found.

***THE DISMISSAL**

Marked with the cross of Christ, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE "Bless Now, O God, the Journey"

Anne Krentz Organ

Flowers are presented by Mike & Donna Dieter in honor of their anniversary
Bulletins are sponsored by Kelly Barthold

TODAY'S WORSHIP TEAM:
Worship Leaders: Pastor Kate, Karen Kline
Communion Assistant – Lenny Burns
Greeter/Usher – Stan Rohrer
Lay Reader – Norm Drescher

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Weekly Record

Last Week

Mo. Total

Budget

Weekly Record	Last Week	Mo. Total	Budget
Attendance (in-person)	51	51	-----
General Fund offering	5,815	5,815	24,573
Greater Zion Offering	425	425	-----

Announcements

Revelation Revealed: We are nearing the end of our study of the book of Revelation, coming to the good news of a new heaven and a new earth. Come and join us to hear the good news announced in this last book of the bible. All are welcome.

We have a table for the Teen Central Banquet at 6:00pm on Tuesday, March 11th at the Junction Center. This has been generously sponsored by a member of Zion. Anyone who has an interest in learning about Teen Central and their mission to youth here in Manheim is welcome to attend. There is no cost for the meal, but reservations are requested. Please call the office at 665-5880 to let us know if you are interested in joining us. We still have one space available, so please let us know if you'd like to attend.

The Altar Flower and Bulletin Sponsor Charts are posted on the bulletin board inside the entrance doors. Please sign up or call the church office at 665-5880 if you're interested in sponsoring any of these.

The Food Pantry is looking for beef stew, cereal, egg noodles, rice sides, crackers, canned tuna, and canned chicken. (No used or opened items; no out-of-date items). Monetary donations may also be sent to the MC Food Pantry, c/o Salem United Methodist Church, 140 N. Penn St., Manheim.

The Manheim Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a "Spring Cleanup" on Saturday, April 5th from 10AM-12PM on Manheim's Market Square. Volunteers are needed with rakes, shovels, and wheelbarrows to help with the event. If you'd like to help, please register online at www.manheimchamber.com.

