

Zion Lutheran Church Mission Statement

“Bonded in Christ’s love, we teach, preach, and equip God’s people for discipleship here and throughout the world.



Lenten Service

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Prelude

Greeting

Call to Worship

P - God heard Job from the whirlwind

C - We come with our questions.

P - God did not strike down Job for his anger

C - We come with our anger.

P - When we shake our fists at heaven

C - God calls it faith, not rebellion.

P - When we demand answers

C - God answers us with Presence.

P - We worship the Holy One who meets us in the storm.

Hymn - Precious Lord, Take My Hand ELW #773

Precious Lord, take my hand,
Lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;

Through the storm, through the night,
Lead me on to the light:

Refrain

*Take my hand, precious Lord,
Lead me home.*

When my way grows drear,
Precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone,
Hear my cry, hear my call,
Hold my hand lest I fall [*Refrain*]

When the darkness appears
And the night draws near,
And the day is past and gone,
At the river I stand,
Guide my feet, hold my hand [*Refrain*]

Responsive Prayer

P - Holy Mystery, You heard Job when he cried, "How long? Why? What have I done?"

C - And you did not turn away.

P - Teach us that lament is not faithlessness.

C - Teach us that anger can be prayer.

P - Teach us that protest can be praise
when it is spoken toward You and not away from You.

C - Hold us in the whirlwind.

P - Stand with us in the ash heap.

C - Answer us with your faithful Presence. Amen.

Hymn - Amazing Grace ELW #779 vs 1

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now, I'm found. Was blind, but now, I see.

Scripture - Job 3:1-7

Let the day perish in which I was born,
and the night that said,
'A male is conceived.'

Let that day be darkness!
May God above not seek it
or light shine on it.

Let gloom and deep darkness claim it.
Let clouds settle upon it;
let the blackness of the day terrify it.

That night—let thick darkness seize it!
let it not rejoice among the days of the year;
let it not come into the number of the months.

Yes, let that night be barren;
let no joyful cry be heard in it.

Homily - The Book of Job

Offering Hymn - Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow ELW #327 vs 1-2

Through the night of doubt and sorrow,
onward goes the pilgrim band,
singing songs of expectation,
marching to the promised land.
Clear before us through the darkness
gleams and burns the guiding light;
pilgrim clasps the hand of pilgrim
stepping fearless through the night.

One the light of God's own presence
on the ransomed people shed,
chasing far the gloom and terror,

bright'ning all the path we tread.
One the object of our journey,
one the faith which never tires,
one the earnest looking forward,
one the hope our God inspires.

Offering Sung Response - Doxology

**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. Amen**

Offering Blessing

P- Holy One,

**C - we no longer sit in an attitude of scarcity; we live in a spirit
of abundance. So, we give from gratitude that is already
manifest. Bless what we have given you: coins, bills, pledges,
intentions, and courage. Multiply them into shelter for the
weary, bread for the hungry, and justice for the oppressed.
Amen**

Hymn - Nearer My God to Thee vs 1

**Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee! E'en though it be a
cross, that raiseth me, still all my song shall be, nearer, my
God to Thee; nearer, my God to Thee, nearer to Thee!**

The Prayer of Saint Teresa of Ávila (responsively)

**Let nothing disturb you, Let nothing frighten you,
All things are passing away: God never changes.
Patience obtains all things.**

Whoever has God lacks nothing; God alone suffices.

Closing Hymn - Because He Lives
God sent His Son, they called him Jesus,
He came to love, heal and forgive;
He lived and died, to buy my pardon,
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.

(Chorus)
Because He lives, I can face tomorrow,
Because He lives, all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living just because He lives.

How sweet to hold a newborn baby,
And feel the pride, and joy he gives;
But sweeter still the calm assurance,
This child can face uncertain days because He lives.

(Chorus)

And then one day I'll cross the river,
I'll fight life's final war with pain;
And then as death gives way to victory,
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives.

(Chorus)

P- Go in Peace and Serve the Lord
C - Thanks Be to God!

Postlude