



“Welcome to Nicodemus Lutheran Church”

Second Sunday of Lent

*Worship | 10:30 am
March 8, 2020*



In Christ's Name, Welcome!

We extend a warm welcome to our guests. Please know you are included in Christ's own invitation to receive God's promise and presence in the "for you" of Holy Communion. Thank you for filling out the bulletin insert especially if you have prayer concerns. We also use this page to welcome and invite newcomers and guests into the events and activities at Zion. During the 10:30 am worship service, we provide childcare in the nursery directly down the west stairs.

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

2 Corinthians 5:17-18

We are Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, committed to being a loving and welcoming community of faith in Jesus Christ. As a community of God we welcome all.

We rejoice in the manner in which diversity enriches, nurtures, and challenges the life and ministry we share in Christ. We embrace actions and attitudes within the Church that assure access to Word and Sacrament regardless of gender identity, sexual orientation, socio-economic or marital status, physical or mental capacities, age, or race.

We are a Reconciling in Christ community.



All are welcome!

Worship Today

- 8:15 am | Awakening Worship
- 9:15 | Intergenerational/
Spiritual Gifts Event
- 10:30 am | Traditional Worship



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Events at Zion This Week

- Monday, March 9
 - 9 am | Yoga Exercise Class
 - 6:30 pm | Girl Scouts
- Tuesday, March 10
 - 6:30 pm | German American Chorus
- Wednesday, March 11
 - 7 am | Men's Bible Study
 - 9 am | Yoga Exercise Class
- Thursday, March 12
 - 6:30 pm | Meditation Group
- Friday, March 13
 - 9 am | Yoga Exercise Class
- Sunday, March 15
 - 8:15 am | Awakening Worship
 - 9:15 am | Sunday School
 - 10:30 am | Traditional Worship

Resources for Worship

- Online Bulletin
 - You can download today's and previous bulletins to your smartphone or tablet to view during worship or at other times. Simply go to zelc.org/sermons-bulletins
- Quiet Activity cloth bags are available for young children during worship. Our ushers would be happy to provide you with one.
- Hearing Devices
 - Please speak to an usher if you are in need of a hearing assistance device.
- Visual Impairment
 - Magnifier sheets are available upon request.
- Childcare available down the west staircase in the nursery

Financial Stewardship

Yearly Operating Budget 2020: \$480,450
Last Week Offering Received: \$4,626
(50% of weekly need)
YTD Total Received: \$89,979
Mortgage Balance: \$230,684.58

Next Sunday

March 15, 2020 – Third Sunday of Lent
Exodus 17:1-7 + Psalm 95
Romans 5:1-11 + John 4:5-42

March 1, 2020 Attendance

8:15 am = 38 | 10:30 am = 61
Sunday School = 57

For information on this and other news and events go to zelc.org

Gathering

Welcome

Prelude

"Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord" – *arr. David Chamberlin*

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.
Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.
Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.
Amen.

Entrance Hymn

Hymn No. 767 || "Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me"

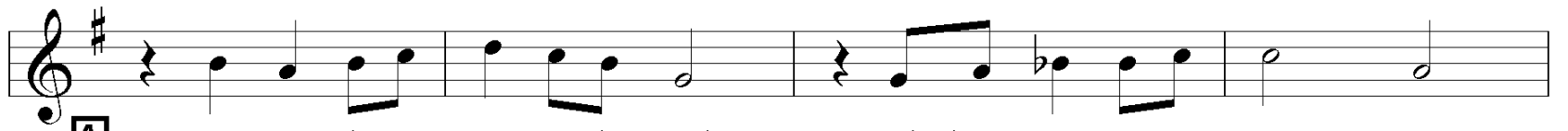
Greeting

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.

Kyrie



Choir (optional): Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

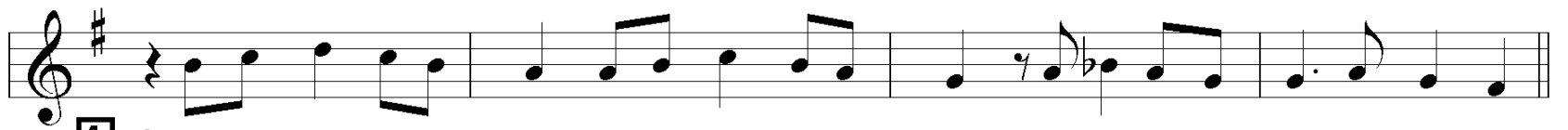


A 1 In peace let us pray to the Lord: Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

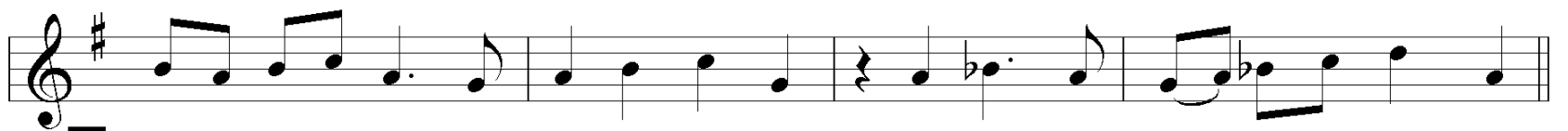
Refrain



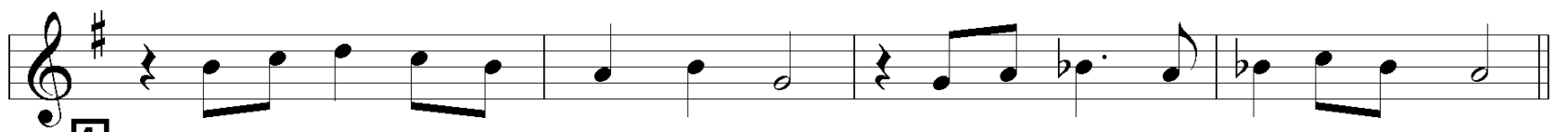
C Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy up - on — us.



A 2 For the peace of the world, for the strength of the church, for love a-mong all God's chil-dren:
to Refrain



A 3 For this ho-ly house, and all who come here to pray and wor - ship and praise you:
to Refrain



A 4 For sal - va - tion and grace each day, for the faith to live by your word:
to Refrain



A 5 Help, save, com-fort and de-fend us, O Lord. **C** A - men.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The Word

First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4a

¹The LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

^{4a}So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 121

Refrain (sung by choir)

*I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?
My help comes from the Lord, who made the heaven and the earth.*

Verses (spoken responsively)

The Lord will not let your foot be moved,
nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

Behold, the keeper of Israel

will neither slumber nor sleep;

the Lord watches over you;

the Lord is your shade at your right hand;

the sun will not strike you by day,

nor the moon by night.

The Lord will preserve you from all evil
and will keep your life.

**The Lord will watch over your going out and your coming in,
from this time forth forevermore.**

Refrain (congregation may join)

Second Reading: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

¹What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” ⁴Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. ⁵But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

¹³For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”)—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

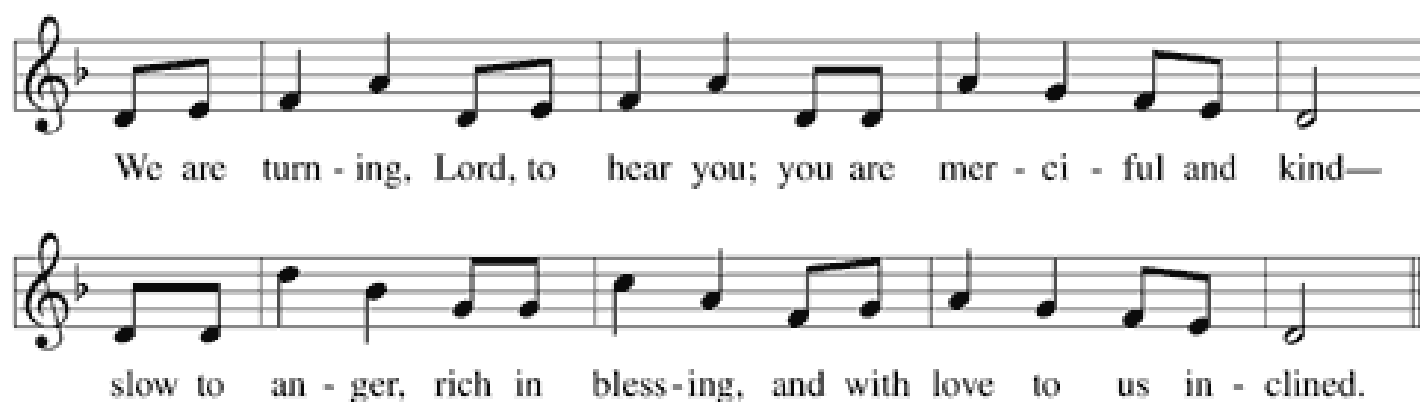
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Children’s Message

All children are invited to join Pastor Steve at the communion rail.

Gospel Verse

We Are Turning, Lord, to Hear You



The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind—
slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

Text: Gracia Grindal, based on Joel 2:13
Music: KAS DZIEDAJA, Latvian folk tune

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Holy Gospel

John 3:1-17

The Holy Gospel according to John the third chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” ³Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” ⁴Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” ⁹Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

¹¹“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

“Welcome to Nicodemus Lutheran Church”

Pastor Steve Klemz

A brief silence for reflection.

Hymn

Hymn No. 793 || "Be Thou My Vision"

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**

**universal*

In honor of Nicodemus:

The Explanation of the Third Article of the Apostles' Creed from Martin Luther

The Third Article: *On Being Made Holy*

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.

What does this mean?

I believe that by my own understanding or strength I cannot believe in Jesus Christ my Lord or come to him, but instead the Holy Spirit has called me through the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, made me holy and kept me in the true faith, just as he calls, gathers, enlightens, and makes holy the whole Christian church on earth and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one common, true faith. Daily in this Christian church the Holy Spirit abundantly forgives all sins—mine and those of all believers. On the last day the Holy Spirit will raise me and all the dead and will give to me and all believers in Christ eternal life. This is most certainly true.

The Prayers

- For those impacted by Nashville tornadoes
- strength of healing for Alan Erdahl, Ellen Liu, and Bonnie Judge
- for our nation; and grace to pray for our enemies
- for those in cancer care
- for Vicar Lisa Mensinger and mission partners
- for those who make and administer laws in the State Legislature
- for those in addiction and all in recovery
- for those who request prayers, Lynette Keller, Conrad, Amy Larsen, Ronnie, Carla, Mike, Olena, Darrel, Rupel & Devin, Charm, Carol, Richard Fiefr, Norma Klemz, Ken, Ric & Diane, Kirsten Zumonja, & the Wampoles.

Each petition concludes, “Lord, in your mercy” and the people prayerfully respond, **“hear our prayer.”**

The Sharing of the Peace

The Peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The ministers and congregation signal their unity with each other in the family of Christ by sharing a moment of greeting with each other saying, “Peace be with you” and are seated when finished exchanging the peace.

The Meal

The Gathering of the Gifts

Thank you for filling in the hospitality page (bulletin insert). It serves as an instrument for pastoral care, especially with the requested prayers. Please place the page in the offering plate. If you would like to give online, please go to zelc.org/give-now

Anthem

"Resignation" – Florence Price

Rachel Kibler (Melissa Livengood, accompanist)

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Holy and generous host,
you set a table where we feast as friends.
Prepare us to witness to your goodness
with every gift you have given us to share,
that all people may know your peace
through Jesus Christ, now and forever.

Amen.

Thanksgiving at the Table

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
you have brought us this far along the way.
In times of bitterness you did not abandon us,
but guided us into the path of love and light.
In every age you sent prophets
to make known your loving will for all humanity.
The cry of the poor has become your own cry;
our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire.
In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant
to preach good news to the afflicted,
to break bread with the outcast and despised,
and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.
In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,
we await the day when Jesus shall return
to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death.
Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever.**

Amen.

Invitation to Communion

God's love is poured out in Christ for you.

All are welcome to receive.

Thanks be to God.

Lamb of God

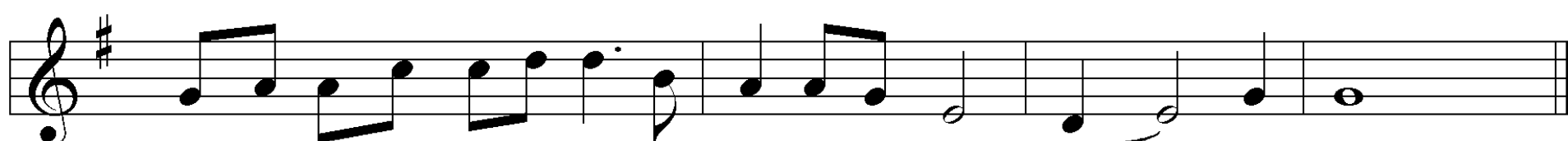
D. Chamberlin



Lamb of God you take a-way the sins of the world. Have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God you take a-way the sins of the world. Have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God you take a-way the sins of the world. Grant— us peace.

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Holy Communion

In Christ's body and blood given to us, God forgives us and nourishes us for mission. We sing as the bread is broken and as the meal is shared. We ask God to send us in witness to the world.

To receive Holy Communion, please come down the center aisle.

Newcomers & Visitors: You are welcome to join us for Holy Communion. The wine may be received by dipping the bread in the cup, or eating the bread and drinking from the cup. Individual cups are available for those who desire. Grape juice is clear, individual cups of wine are red. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

If you would like to receive a blessing for yourself and/or your child, simply come forward with your hands folded, and the person serving the bread will offer you a blessing.

Communion Hymns

Hymn No. 324 || "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

Hymn No. 735 || "Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth"

After all have received communion, please remain seated until the Blessing.

The Table Blessing

Prayer After Communion

We thank you, living God,
for the body and blood of your Son,
which sustains us in the wilderness and the garden alike.
As Christ has loved us in this feast,
so send us to love Christ in our neighbors.
In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

Blessing

Now is the acceptable time.
Now is the day of salvation.
Holy God,
speaking, spoken, and inspiring,
+ bless you, unbind you,
and send you in love and in peace.
Amen.

Sending Hymn

Hymn No. 843 || "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the good news.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

"Fugue in D Major" – *Théodore Dubois*

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Today's Worship

Pastor Steve Klemz —Presiding + Preaching
David Chamberlin—Organist
Susan Swidnicki—Children's Choir Director
Dave Zabriskie—Choir Director
Brandt Graham—Child Care
Steve & Marie Newton +
Bruce & Lois Stewart — Altar Guild
Bob Hackworth + Jan Heins—Counters
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What's Happening at Zion

Daylight Saving Time – In case you were late today, Daylight Saving Time begins March 8, don't forget to "Spring Forward" and set your clocks one hour ahead.

Girl Scout Cookies (today!)– Our friends in Girl Scout Troop #630, who use Zion's Terrace Room for their weekly meetings, will be selling cookies during coffee hour (after 10:30 am service) in the Atrium on March 8th. Join in supporting the troop (and enjoy some classic cookies!).

For Newcomers, the Curious and those interested in Membership – All are welcome to join conversation with Pastor Steve about our life together in Zion on Sunday, March 22, 9:30-10:15 in the sitting area of the south entrance.

Save the Date – Music Recital – Our very own Rachel Kibler will give a recital about duty and rebellion on March 13th at 7 pm at St. Paul's Episcopal (900 E and 300 S). She'll sing songs by Copland, Libby Larsen, Sondheim, and songs from movies. Join for a free, fun night of music and community.

Looking Ahead – Mark your calendars for future services. Please join us for Passion/Palm Sunday worship on April 5, led by the Zion children and youth and celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord on Easter Sunday on April 12. More details to follow...

Crossroads Urban Center March Needs – The Zion donation bin is conveniently located in the narthex just under the stairs to the loft.

- Food Pantry: Soup, cold cereal
- Thrift Store: Blankets, gloves, towels

Attention Thrivent Members: Don't forget to direct Choice Dollars® - Grant funding from Thrivent Financial through its Thrivent Choice® program can help support organizations you care about. Don't let Choice Dollars expire! Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have Choice Dollars available have until March 31 to direct any remaining 2019 Choice Dollars. These dollars can be directed to help support Zion and all the ministries of this great community. Go to [Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](https://www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice) to learn more. Or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice".

Worship and Coronavirus or "COVID-19" - We are being prudent. Our Altar Guild is careful to wash the chalice, individual cups and tray with soapy water. Worship leaders are diligent with hand washing. If you intinct (dip the bread into the common cup), please be careful not to let your fingers touch the side of the cup or the wine. Assisting ministers are trained to wipe the rim of the chalice/common cup between each communicant, while rotating the purificator (the cloth). If you prefer not to receive from the common cup or individual cups, it is okay to refrain. The grace of Holy Communion is fully present in each element of bread and wine. It is enough to receive the bread. Finally, the public reminders serve us well: Let your consideration for others be your priority. If you have a fever, stay home; if you have a cold, do not shake hands during the sharing of the peace; and, always wash your hands with soap and water for 15 seconds or longer. – *Pastor Steve*