

Zion Lutheran Church
925 5th Avenue - Rockford, Illinois
March 15, 2026 at 9:15am

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

PRELUDE “As the Deer with Fairest Lord Jesus” arr. By Mark Hayes

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The Holy Spirit calls and gathers us together
as the people of God*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Amen.

Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt and blots
out all offenses. Gracious God,
have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

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* Pattern of Worship—resource from ELW pages 91-93

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For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you:
Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word:
Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For failing to recognize your coming reign, and for hindering
the work of the Spirit: Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition, and for
disdaining the living water Christ offers: Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For disregarding voices from the margin, and for distrusting
signs of your healing and hope in the world: Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent, and for
disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life: Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound. Through
faith, the free gift of God, you have been clothed in the
righteousness of Christ. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your
sins are forgiven. The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from
the dead dwells in you, pours God's love into your hearts, and
gives you life and peace.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

Red Hymnal #843



1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;
3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.



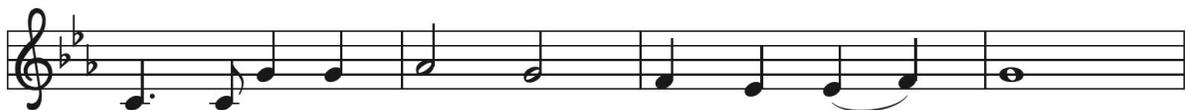
calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

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



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.



Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

SONG OF PRAISE "Sometimes Our Only Song Is Weeping"



1 Some-times our on - ly song is weep - ing; our on - ly
2 Some-times we catch the faint-est hum - ming, a far - off



sound is gasp - ing breath. Some-times it seems that God is
tune our hearts know well. Some-times we sense the Spir - it



sleep - ing while our brief lives are bound in death.
com - ing. Our song re - turns; our voic - es swell.



Who hears the song our sor - rows swal - low and of - fers
The Spir - it sings though we are shak - en, and Christ has



hope to calm our fears? When all our words seem frail and
shared our heart - felt cries. Re - stored, our wea - ry souls a -



hol - low, God heeds the prayers with - in our tears.
wak - en to join God's song that nev - er dies.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

FIRST READING 1 Samuel 16:1-13

¹ The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” ² Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the LORD said, “Take a heifer with you and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’” ³ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do, and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.” ⁴ Samuel did what the LORD commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, “Do you come peaceably?” ⁵ He said, “Peaceably. I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. ⁶ When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely his anointed is now before the LORD.” ⁷ But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him, for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.” ⁸ Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” ⁹ Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” ¹⁰ Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen any of these.” ¹¹ Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him, for we will not sit down until he comes here.” ¹² He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. The LORD said, “Rise and anoint him, for this is the one.” ¹³ Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Word of love. Word of trust. **Guide us as we journey.**

(Refrain: All, Verses: Solo)

Refrain

**Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,
beyond my fears, from death into life.**

1 God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want,
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love,
I walk by the quiet waters of peace. *Refrain*

2 Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul,
you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth,
my spirit shall sing the music of your name. *Refrain*

3 Though I should wander the valley of death,
I fear no evil, for you are at my side,
your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope. *Refrain*

4 You have set me a banquet of love
in the face of hatred,
crowning me with love beyond my pow'r to hold. *Refrain*

5 Surely your kindness and mercy follow me
all the days of my life;
I will dwell in the house of my God forevermore. *Refrain*

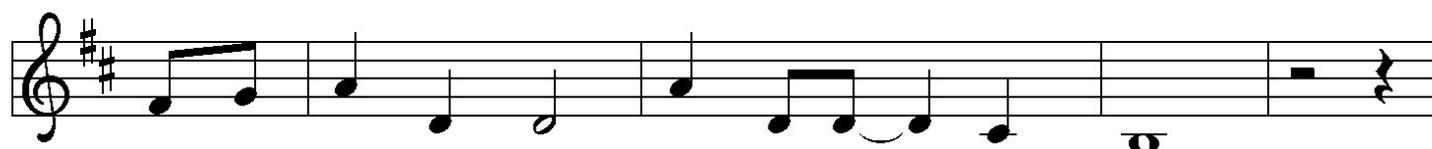
SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:8-14

⁸ Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Walk as children of light, ⁹ for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. ¹⁰ Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹ Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness; rather, expose them. ¹² For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly, ¹³ but

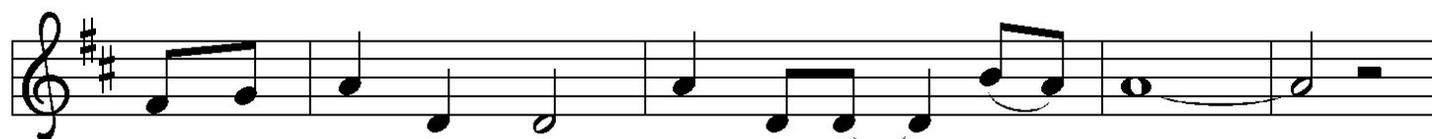
everything exposed by the light becomes visible, ¹⁴ for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

Word of love. Word of trust. **Guide us as we journey.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION “Let Your Steadfast Love”



Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.



Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.



Save us as you prom-ised; we will trust your word.



Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 9th Chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: John 9:1-41

¹ As [Jesus] walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. ² His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” ³ Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. ⁴ We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵ As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”

⁶ When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, ⁷ saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. ⁸ The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" ⁹ Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am he." ¹⁰ But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" ¹¹ He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." ¹² They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." ¹³ They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴ Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵ Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." ¹⁶ Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the Sabbath." Others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. ¹⁷ So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet." ¹⁸ The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight ¹⁹ and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" ²⁰ His parents answered, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind, ²¹ but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." ²² His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. ²³ Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." ²⁴ So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." ²⁵ He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner.

One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.”²⁶ They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?”²⁷ He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?”²⁸ Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses.”²⁹ We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.”³⁰ The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes.”³¹ We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will.³² Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind.”³³ If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.”³⁴ They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out.³⁵ Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?”³⁶ He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.”³⁷ Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.”³⁸ He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him.³⁹ Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see may see and those who do see may become blind.”⁴⁰ Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?”⁴¹ Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

The gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON Pastor Michael Thomas

SERMON SONG “Amazing Grace My Chains Are Gone”

1. Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind but now I see.

2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear,
The hour I first believed.

Chorus: My chains are gone. I've been set free,
My God my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy reigns,
Unending love, amazing grace.

3. The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be,
As long as life endures. (Chorus)

4. The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
The sun forbear to shine.
But God, who called me here below,
Will be forever mine, will be forever mine.
You are forever mine.

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

PRAYER CANDLES

*This is a time of prayer at your seat
or light a candle at the two prayer stations.*

*You can request a prayer at the prayer table by the piano.
Feel free to pray, sing, sit in silence and pray for others.*

SONG

“Spirit of the Living God”

Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me,

Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me.

Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation. **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

MUSIC OFFERING & OFFERING “You Are Not Alone”

(Based on Psalm 23:4) Music and Lyrics by Jodi Lynn Beach

Offering envelopes are available in the pews at your seat to designate gifts toward the ministries of Zion. The Offering Box is by the prayer table. You can also go online at www.zionrockford.com or you can click on the QR code.



TABLE BLESSING

“This Is Christ’s Body”



This is Christ's bod - y, bro - ken and blest. Feed us with
mer-cy and love. We are Christ's bod - y,
bro - ken and blest. Heal us and make us one.

THE MEAL - *God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

PRAYER

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

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 God thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, 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 for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.

Please come to the front for communion today.

Receive the wafer with an open hand.

The cups of wine are red and juice is in the center and the juice is clear.

There are individual communion cups at the prayer table by the piano.

Dispose of them in the lobby.

COMMUNION “When I Survey The Wondrous Cross” Red Hymnal #803

1 When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss
and pour contempt on all my pride.

2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
save in the death of Christ, my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

4 Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

“Be Thou My Vision” Red Hymnal #793

1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
thou my best thought both by day and by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r,
raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

3 Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, the first in my heart,
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

4 Light of my soul, after victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray: God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity: God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation, ✝ bless you now and always.

Amen.

THE SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

SENDING SONG “Lead Me, Guide Me” Red Hymnal #768

Chorus: Lead me, guide me, along the way.

For if you lead me, I cannot stray.

Lord, let me walk each day with thee.

Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

1. I am weak and I need thy strength and pow’r
To help me over my weakest hour,
Help me through the darkness thy face to see,
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. (Chorus)
2. Help me tread in the paths of righteousness,
Be my aid when Satan and sin oppress.
I am putting all my trust in thee
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. (Chorus)
3. I am lost if you take your hand from me,
I am blind without thy light to see,
Lord, just always let me thy servant be
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. (Chorus)

SENDING

Go in peace. Believe the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Lead Me, Guide Me”

WOZ NEWS—We've been busy planning our Spring programs. Our first one is a fan favorite, Bunco! This will be on St. Patrick's Day, March 17th, 1:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Add April 21st at 1:00pm to your calendar. This will be an interesting program by Jeff Dahlberg. May 19th is our annual salad luncheon at Noon in the Fellowship Hall. Our June date is the 16th with the program TBD. And don't forget we are collecting canned fruit for Cornucopia Food Pantry during March. Thanks—the WOZ Board.

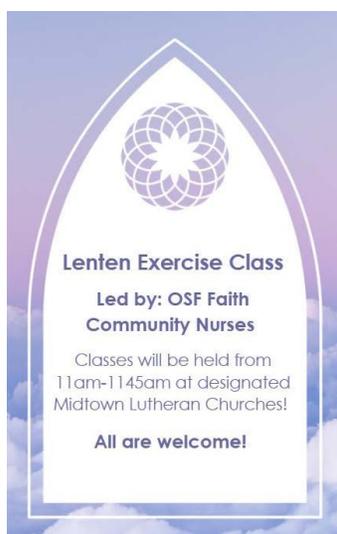
2026 Midtown Midweek Lenten at Noon

Conversations With Jesus

EXERCISE CLASS BEFORE WORSHIP & SIMPLE LUNCH AFTER WORSHIP

March 18 2 at Emmanuel Lutheran Church at Noon
Preacher: Pastor Leslie Aska

March 25 at First Lutheran Church at Noon
Preacher: Pastor Bill Dahlberg



CONVERSATIONS WITH JESUS

LENT 2026



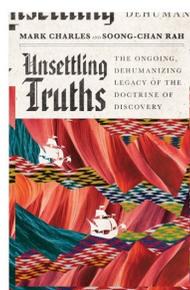
JOIN ZION CLASS
March 15, 2026

10:30am in Library

JOIN PASTOR MIKE IN A CONVERSATION
ABOUT ZION'S MISSION, VALUES & MINISTRIES

Good Friday Swedish Service

Friday, April 3, 2026 at Noon
Zion Lutheran Church
925 Fifth Avenue – Rockford, IL



ZION FORUM
March 22, 2026
10:30am in Fellowship Hall

A CONVERSATION ABOUT THE
MARK CHARLES BOOK
"UNSETTLING TRUTHS"

- Good Friday/Långfredagen Service at noon
- Liturgy bulletin all spoken in Swedish
- Swedish Community Choir
- Jodi Beach, Special Music
- Loose offering: Ruthie's Kitchen
- Sermon in English
- Holy Communion liturgy in Swedish



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BAG FLUFFING

FOR CORNUCOPIA FOOD PANTRY

Fourth Monday at 1:00pm

Held at Zion Lutheran Church!

Cornucopia



Food Pantry



PRAYER CORNER! WE ASK YOU TO PRAY FOR:



- ◇ The ELCA, Presiding Bishop Yehiel Curry, Bishop Stacie Fidler, Pastor Thomas, Pastor Emeritus Denver Bitner, the Zion Church Council, Pastor Caleb Uk of the Burmese congregation; the Zion Staff, Zion Outreach Board, Staff and Programs of Patriots Gateway Center, Katie's Cup and Zion Development Corporation.
- ◇ Senior Pastor Ndeshifose Akyoo, Assisting Pastor Evan Kiula, and Assisting Pastor Yohanna Samson Ntui of Sepuka Parish (Tanzania)
- ◇ Bishop Peter Paul Thomas and Pastor Selvakumar of Arcot Lutheran Church in India and Pastor Mytch Dorvilier.
- ◇ For the Northern Illinois Synod; North Conference churches; Midtown Lutheran Parish, faculty and students of Rockford Lutheran Schools.
- ◇ For those who grieve the loss of loved ones.
- ◇ For healing: Colette Buchert, Norm Buchert, Linda Callahan, Marjorie Carlson, Yolanda Churchill, Charlie Dahlberg, Jeff Dahlberg, Norma Daugherty, Karen Eiseman, Gary Fulkerson, John Hoyt, Gary Johnson, Greg Johnson, Leola LeGault, Jim McDowell, Les Morgan, Betty Jo Rodey, Wayne Spitzer, Carrie Steder, Kamara Thomas, Deb Tolodxi, Brian Veitch, Nancy Warden, Danielle Wegner, Gary Wegner, Jr., and Gary Zeien.

If you have a prayer request or a prayer of thanksgiving to share, please notify Pastor Mike. The prayer room is upstairs to the left of the sanctuary and is available during office hours and on Sunday before and after worship services. If you would like a ribbon to show support for pride or the African American communities, they are located in a basket in the lobby/narthex. If you would like a Zion yard sign to display they are in the lobby/narthex.



BUNCO

Women of Zion

March 17, 2026

1:00-3:00pm

Zion Lutheran Church



PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST

\$12 Adults \$8 Children (under 12)

Sunday, March 29 at 10:30AM-1:00pm

Sponsored by the Multicultural Team of Zion Lutheran Church

Held at Zion Lutheran Church

925 Fifth Avenue – Rockford, IL 61104

Proceeds benefit the Multicultural Committee

“WE THE PEOPLE”

A Civil Rights Conference



Speaker: Mark Charles
Common Memory Tour

Saturday, April 18, 2026 - from 9:00am-3:00pm

Held at Patriots Gateway Community Center

615 S. Fifth Street – Rockford, IL

Cost: \$25.00 (includes lunch)

Sponsored by Zion Lutheran Church



Easter Spring Garden

Remember or honor your loved ones and help us beautify Zion's Sanctuary by sponsoring flowers for the Spring Garden. Or, you may prefer to make a donation in lieu of flowers.

If you would like to contribute to our Spring Garden, please fill out the bottom portion of this insert, enclose your check made payable to Zion Lutheran Church and mail to the Church office, 925 5th Avenue, Rockford, IL, 61104, no later than Monday, March 23rd (*firm deadline*).

EASTER SPRING GARDEN

Name: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Happy Easter to: _____

Number of Plants: Tulip: _____ Daffodil: _____

Hyacinth: _____ (\$15.00 each plant)

Amount Paid: \$ _____

In lieu of flowers, I would like to donate monies to:

Cornucopia Food Pantry \$ _____

Ruthie's Kitchen \$ _____

World Hunger Relief Appeal or ELCA \$ _____

Other (please specify) \$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

PROGRAMS AND MINISTRIES THIS WEEK

- Sunday 9:15am Worship
10:30am Fellowship & “Join Zion Class” with Pastor in Library
11:00am Burmese Worship Service—Chapel
1:00pm New Life Worship Service-Conrad Room
- Monday 9:30am Book Study—Multipurpose Room
- Tuesday 8am-Noon RVC ESL Class—Marander Room
(Tuesday-Thursday, 2-10 to 4-30-26)
- Wed. 8:00am Bible Study—Stockholm Inn
Noon Lenten Worship—Emmanuel
- Sunday 9:15am Worship
10:30am Fellowship—In Honor of Pastor Jerry’s Birthday
11:00am Burmese Worship Service—Chapel
1:00pm New Life Worship Service-Conrad Room

UPCOMING

- March 29 10:30am Palm Sunday Breakfast
- April 2 Noon Maundy Thursday Worship
- April 3 Noon Swedish Good Friday Worship Service
7:00pm Good Friday Music Tenebrae Service
- April 4 3:00pm Easter Egg Hunt in Gateway Park
- April 18 9am-3pm Civil Rights Conference
“We The People” - Patriots Gateway Center
- June 12-13 8:00am Synod Assembly—Augustana College

WORSHIP LEADER’S TODAY

Presiding Minister	Pastor Michael Thomas
Altar Guild	Kris Sommer
Assisting Minister	Student Deaconess Janice Forrest
Communion Asst:	Connie Heden and Gary Zeien
Fellowship:	Bonnie Dahlberg
Musician:	Jodi Beach, Jim McDowel, and Tom Marken
Reader:	Connie Heden
Usher:	