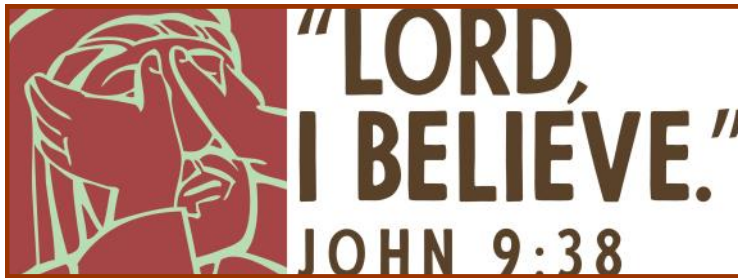


# Zion Lutheran Church



March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
Fourth Sunday in Lent



## **Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church & Preschool!**

Thank you for joining us in worship of the Lord. We would love to get to know you, and for you to learn more about our church family at Zion. Please stop by our welcome table as you leave worship. We cordially invite you to talk with Pastor Grimenstein, our Elders, or any of our church members to learn more about our fellowship. At our website -- [zlcb.org](http://zlcb.org) -- you can find out more about the many worship, Christian education, and fellowship opportunities at Zion.

### **Communion Statement**

We believe that in the Lord's Supper, Christ's physical body and blood are present in the bread and wine (1 Cor. 11:23-25). We also believe receiving the Lord's Supper is an act of church fellowship. Scripture cautions that those who receive without recognizing Christ's body and blood will bring judgment upon themselves (1 Cor. 11:27-29). Therefore, out of love to our guests, we invite to our altar to receive the Lord's Supper those who are baptized, confirmed, repentant members of Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod congregations or sister congregations. If you are visiting us today from another Christian denomination, we welcome you to come to the altar to receive a baptismal blessing. Please signify by crossing your arms over your chest upon kneeling.

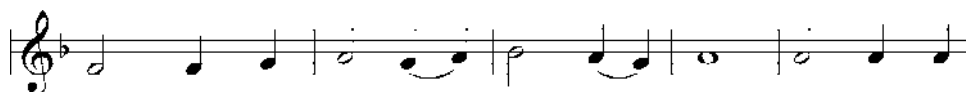
In preparation to receive the Lord's Supper in a worthy manner please consider reading "Christian Questions with their Answers" on Page 329-330. If you are interested in exploring membership, please talk with Pastor Grimenstein or call the church office.

### **Our Worship**

Our worship services are based on traditional church liturgies in which God speaks to us in His Word and we respond to Him. These liturgies were used by the early church almost 2000 years ago and are rich in scriptural meaning, connecting us to our past -- and future -- in Christ Jesus. There is a depth to Lutheran worship that can take time to appreciate, thus you may find that you don't understand everything that is happening the first week you visit. That's OK, we encourage you to keep visiting!

Opening Hymn -- When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

#425



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross On which the  
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the  
 3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet Sor - row and  
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, That were a



Prince of Glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I  
 death of Christ, my God; All the vain things that  
 love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and  
 trib - ute far too small; Love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss And pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.  
 sor - row meet Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
 so di - vine, De - mands my soul, my life, my all!

Text and tune: Public domain

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.
- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C** who made heaven and earth.
- P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.
- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
- C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter

sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

### Service of the Word

Introit -- Psalm 27:4–6; antiphon: Psalm 25:15



- P** My eyes are ever | toward the LORD,  
for he will pluck my feet out | of the net.
- C** **One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek | after:**  
**that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days | of my life.**  
**For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of | trouble;**  
**he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high up- | on a rock.**  
**I will offer in his tent sacrifices with | shouts of joy;**  
**I will sing and make melody | to the LORD.**  
**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son**  
**and to the Holy | Spirit;**  
**as it was in the be- | ginning,**  
**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**
- P** My eyes are ever | toward the LORD,  
for he will pluck my feet out | of the net.

### Kyrie



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



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

## Old Testament Reading -- Isaiah 42:14-21

For a long time I have held my peace;  
I have kept still and restrained myself;  
now I will cry out like a woman in labor;  
I will gasp and pant.  
I will lay waste mountains and hills,  
and dry up all their vegetation;  
I will turn the rivers into islands,  
and dry up the pools.  
And I will lead the blind  
in a way that they do not know,  
in paths that they have not known  
I will guide them.  
I will turn the darkness before them into light,  
the rough places into level ground.  
These are the things I do,

and I do not forsake them.  
They are turned back and utterly put to shame,  
who trust in carved idols,  
who say to metal images,  
“You are our gods.”

Hear, you deaf,  
and look, you blind, that you may see!  
Who is blind but my servant,  
or deaf as my messenger whom I send?  
Who is blind as my dedicated one,  
or blind as the servant of the LORD?  
He sees many things, but does not observe them;  
his ears are open, but he does not hear.  
The LORD was pleased, for his righteousness' sake,  
to magnify his law and make it glorious.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Choir** -- *In Silent Pain* (8:00 am)

**Men's Choir** -- *A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth* (10:30 am)

### **Epistle Reading -- Ephesians 5:8–14**

For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Awake, O sleeper,  
and arise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.



## Nicene Creed

**C** I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.



# Hymn of the Day -- God Loved the World So That He Gave

#571



1 God loved the world so that He gave His on - ly  
 2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, Who was made  
 3 God would not have the sin - ner die; His Son with  
 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son For - gives all



Son the lost to save, That all who would in  
 flesh and suf - fered death; All then who trust in  
 sav - ing grace is nigh; His Spir - it in the  
 sins which you have done; And, jus - ti - fied by



Him be - lieve Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.  
 Him a - lone Are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.  
 Word de - clares How we in Christ are heav - en's heirs.  
 Je - sus' blood, Your Bap - tism grants the high - est good.

5 If you are sick, if death is near,  
 This truth your troubled heart can cheer:  
 Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;  
 That is the firmest ground of faith.

△ 6 Glory to God the Father, Son,  
 And Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
 To You, O blessèd Trinity,  
 Be praise now and eternally!

## Sermon

## Offertory



☐ 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 Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho-ly Spir-it  
 from me. Re-store un-to me the joy of Thy sal-va-  
 tion, and up-hold me with Thy free spir-it. A-men.

### Gathering of Offerings

*Offering plates are located on the tables at the main and side entrance to the sanctuary.*

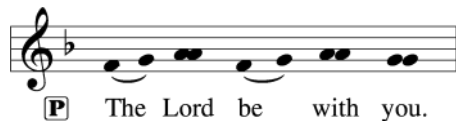
### Prayer of the Church

**P** ... Let us pray to the Lord.


**C** ... Lord have mercy.

### Service of the Sacrament

#### Preface



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir-it.



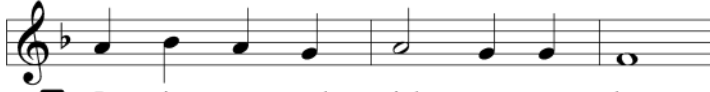
**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



**C** It is meet and right so to do.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

### Lord's Prayer

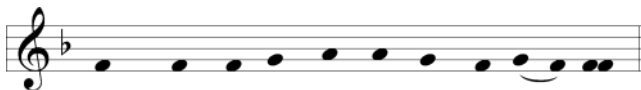
**C** Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.

### The Words of Our Lord

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### Pax Domini



**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



♩ A - men.

### Agnus Dei



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

### Distribution

*If you are visiting us today from a Christian denomination outside the Lutheran Church -- Missouri Synod, we welcome you to come to the altar to receive a baptismal blessing. Please signify by crossing your arms over your chest upon kneeling.*

**Faith Bell Choir** -- *Jesus, Lover of My Soul* (10:30)

### Distribution Hymns

When to Our World the Savior Came	#551
Christ, the Life of All the Living	#420
O Son of God, in Galilee	#841

#### Nunc Dimittis

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

## Thanksgiving



**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

## Benedicamus

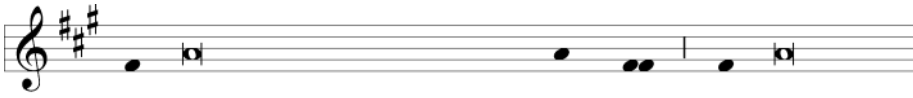


**A** Bless we the Lord.

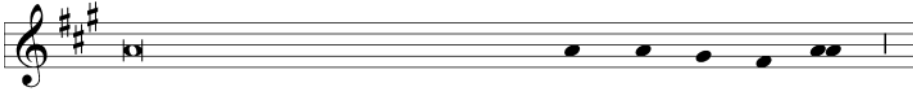


**C** Thanks be to God.

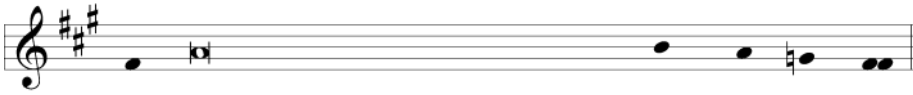
## Benediction



**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.





**Closing Hymn -- Jesus, Priceless Treasure**

**#743**

- 1 Jesus, priceless treasure,  
Fount of purest pleasure,  
    Truest friend to me,  
Ah, how long in anguish  
Shall my spirit languish,  
    Yearning, Lord, for Thee?  
    Thou art mine,  
    O Lamb divine!  
I will suffer naught to hide Thee;  
Naught I ask beside Thee.
- 2 In Thine arms I rest me;  
Foes who would molest me  
    Cannot reach me here.  
Though the earth be shaking,  
Ev'ry heart be quaking,  
    Jesus calms my fear.  
    Lightnings flash  
    And thunders crash;  
Yet, though sin and hell assail me,  
Jesus will not fail me.
- 3 Satan, I defy thee;  
Death, I now decry thee;  
    Fear, I bid thee cease.  
World, thou shalt not harm me  
Nor thy threats alarm me  
    While I sing of peace.  
    God's great pow'r  
    Guards ev'ry hour;  
Earth and all its depths adore Him,  
Silent bow before Him.
- 4 Hence, all earthly treasure!  
Jesus is my pleasure,  
    Jesus is my choice.  
Hence, all empty glory!  
Naught to me thy story  
    Told with tempting voice.  
    Pain or loss,  
    Or shame or cross,  
Shall not from my Savior move me  
Since He deigns to love me.
- 5 Evil world, I leave thee;  
Thou canst not deceive me,  
    Thine appeal is vain.  
Sin that once did blind me,  
Get thee far behind me,  
    Come not forth again.  
    Past thy hour,  
    O pride and pow'r;  
Sinful life, thy bonds I sever,  
Leave thee now forever.
- 6 Hence, all fear and sadness!  
For the Lord of gladness,  
    Jesus, enters in.  
Those who love the Father,  
Though the storms may gather,  
    Still have peace within.  
    Yea, whate'er  
    I here must bear,  
Thou art still my purest pleasure,  
Jesus, priceless treasure!

## Prayer Requests for Family & Friends

### *The Church:*

-**For our homebound members:** Tom Bicusky, Florence Boehme, Gladys Cimarolli, Ron Valentino, Ted & Marian Siek.

-**Healing & Strength for:** Pastor Ernest Knoche, Barbara Libengood, Jim and Lisa Kress, Rose Steranko, Tom Carthy, Millie Thielet, Jen Fitzgerald, Barbara & Kara Koski, Mike Wallace, Darrell Molinari, Joanne Garloff, Neil Ackerman, Richard Hultman, Rita Sheldon, Dennis Finney, Eva Bukovitz, Kami Snow, Judy Graziano, Alyssa Mance, Shannon Mance, Dave Hutula, and Mabel Granke.

-**For our missions/missionaries,** especially Rev. Phil & Deaconess Rachel Jaseph and The Siberian Lutheran Mission Society.

-For the ministry of Zion Lutheran Sunday School and Preschool.



### *The World:*

-For peace in Ukraine.

-For an end to abortion and human trafficking.

-For the youth in our community.

### *Our Nation:*

-For our leaders and government officials.

-For those in foster care and those looking to adopt.

-For the disabled, unborn and aged.

## *Service Participants*

<b>Pastor:</b>	Rev. Dr. Edward Grimenstein
<b>Music Director:</b>	Mark Killinger
<b>Organist:</b>	Doug Krantz
<b>Elders:</b>	Mike Kroeger, Bob Schmidt (8:00) Bill Bishop, Roger Diederich (10:30)
<b>Acolytes:</b>	Emily Trentini (8:00); Callista Chilcott (10:30)
<b>Ushers:</b>	Ava & Megan Pasquini, Wayne & Barb Oechslein (8:00) Bob & Christian Bonacci, Andy & Dwight Weldon (10:30)
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Janet & Marian Oelschlager

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by Wayne & Barb Oechslein in memory of Jack Oelschlager; and by Zion Lutheran Church to the Glory of the Triune God.

**ETERNAL LIGHT** is given by Elsie Dalla Piazza in memory of Richard O'Donnell.

**A MEMBER PICTORIAL DIRECTORY** is being developed in the church office, complete with up-to-date photos and contact information for every member of our church family! We are working with a local photographer to take photos of our member families -- **STAY TUNED** for photo session sign-ups in April & May. The new Member Directory will be part of our 125th anniversary commemoration and will be completed and ready for distribution in September.



### Last Week in Worship

Sunday Worship Attendance (3/12) -- 48 (8 am); 94 (10:30 am)  
Mid-Week Lenten Worship Attendance (3/15) -- 17 (2 pm); 28 (7 pm)  
Plate Offerings (3/12) -- \$2523    Online Offering -- \$965

*Online giving is available on Zion's website at [www.zlcb.org/donate](http://www.zlcb.org/donate)*



## *This Week at Zion*

<b>SUN</b> <b>3/19</b>	8:00 AM -- Worship 9:15 AM -- Adult/Teen Bible Study & Children's SS 10:30 AM -- Worship
<b>MON</b> <b>3/20</b>	6:00 PM – 1st Year Confirmation 6:15 PM -- Grace Bells 7:00 PM – 2nd Year Confirmation 7:15 PM -- Choir 8:15 PM – Faith Bells
<b>TUE</b> <b>3/21</b>	
<b>WED</b> <b>3/22</b>	2:00 PM -- Lenten Worship -- Week 4 7:00 PM -- Lenten Worship -- Week 4
<b>THU</b> <b>3/23</b>	6:00 PM -- Adult Confirmation Class
<b>FRI</b> <b>3/24</b>	
<b>SAT</b> <b>3/25</b>	9:00 AM -- Men's Choir
<b>SUN</b> <b>3/26</b>	8:00 AM -- Worship 9:15 AM -- Adult/Teen Bible Study & Children's SS 10:30 AM -- Worship

Join us for our two remaining mid-week Lenten services:

Wednesday 3/22 -- 2 & 7 pm

Wednesday 3/29 -- 2 & 7 pm

We will explore the theme "Promised Treasures". The theme reminds us that this Lenten season, we have a fresh opportunity to embrace God's amazing love for us, His baptized children, in new ways. St. Paul clearly says that "faith comes from hearing" (Rom. 10:17), but the Gospel is also communicated through the physical senses of sight, smell, touch, and taste. So, each Wednesday in Lent, we will take a weekly journey to concretely see, smell, touch, and taste a number of biblical elements. This series will begin with ashes, then proceed to salt, water, light, bread, and finally, palms. All these beautiful Old and New Testament elements will remind us of God's eternal love in Christ, fill us with renewed hope, and increase our joy, knowing that because we are His baptized children, God is near to us now more than ever.



**EASTER LILIES** may be purchased to beautify the sanctuary for Easter Sunday. Order forms are on the round table in the Narthex.

Deadline for orders:

**PALM SUNDAY. 4/2**



## **Palm Sunday**

Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> -- 8:00 & 10:30 am

## **Maundy Thursday**

Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup> — 2:00 & 7:00 pm

## **Good Friday**

Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup> — 2:00 & 7:00 pm  
(Prelude Music begins at 1:30 & 6:30)



## **Easter Sunday**

Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup> — 8:00 & 10:30 am

*Buffet breakfast btwn services -- sign up in Narthex*

Join us for the ...

# Zion Easter Breakfast!

Easter Sunday April 9<sup>th</sup>

*Join us in the Fellowship Hall in between services*

*Where do you fit? **Volunteers are needed:***  
make egg casseroles (recipe & pan provided),  
make fruit salad (bowl provided), help set up,  
help clean up, help serve

**RSVP on the sign up at the back of the church  
or email [events@zicb.org](mailto:events@zicb.org)**



## This Week in Zion Sunday School

A recap of today's SS teaching for parents & students

### BIBLE VERSE

A friend loves at all times.

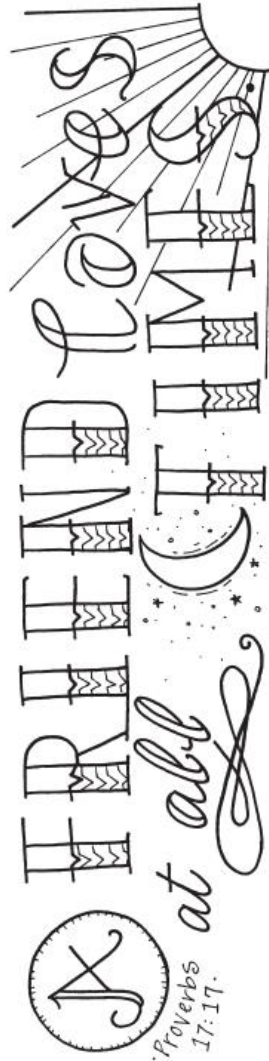
Proverbs 17:17

### SCRIPTURE SNAPSHOT

The Bible tells us David and Jonathan were such close friends that “the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David” (1 Samuel 18:1). Saul’s insane jealousy of David tests their friendship to the limit. David and Jonathan establish a plan to alert David if Saul continues to seek his life. Sadly, Saul’s anger remains unchecked. Jonathan, faithful to God’s will, warns David to flee from the king.

### TAKING IT HOME

- ▶ *On the Go*—How did Jonathan show that he was not jealous that God had chosen David to be king?
- ▶ *At Mealtime*—What sinful things did King Saul do? What good things did David and Jonathan do for each other? How is God at work in this story?
- ▶ *Something to Do*—Make a list of characteristics that show someone is a good friend (honesty, loyalty, sense of humor). Circle the qualities that David and Jonathan showed toward each other. Place a cross over the ones that Jesus shows you.
- ▶ *Before Bed*—Jesus is our friend and grants us loving friendships. Have each family member name a good friend God has given him or her. Pray together, thanking God for the gift of these wonderful friends.





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KIDS IN THE  
DIVINE SERVICE  
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## Hey! What happened to the “a” word?

There’s one word we often use in the Church that isn’t used during Lent. Usually we use it after responses, antiphons and other parts of our worship. Have you guessed what the word is yet? If you guessed “alleluia,” then you are right. We stop singing and saying “alleluia” during Lent and won’t speak it again until Easter morning.

## What does “alleluia” mean and why don’t we say it during Lent?

“Alleluia” is a Hebrew word that means “Praise the Lord.” Since we focus on the sufferings and death of Jesus during Lent, we stop using this joyful word until we celebrate Jesus’ glorious resurrection. On Easter morning the first words you hear will be: “The Lord is risen. He is risen indeed! Alleluia!”



### Parents:

During worship, help your children to look for places in the service where “alleluia” has been omitted. Notice the red writing in the hymnal. These words will help to point out when and where we might use or refrain from using the “a” word.

