Zion Lutheran Church



February 26th, 2023 The First 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 - 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!

KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

What is "Lent"?

Lent is a season of the Church Year that lasts six weeks. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends



the day before Easter Sunday. During these six weeks we look forward to Good Friday, the day our Lord died on the cross to pay for our sins, and to Easter Sunday, the day He rose from the dead to prove it!



How can I remember to think about Jesus during Lent?

You can give up something you enjoy during Lent. You might see your parents give up their morning coffee. Maybe your brother or sister has decided not to eat candy during Lent. Every time you think about doing what you gave up for Lent, it will remind you of what Jesus gave up for you — His life! Blessings to you as you experience the wonderful journey of Lent!



Parents:

We encourage you to help your child decide on something in their life that they can give up during Lent. Be sure to give up something too. Being their example and companion on this journey makes a big difference!



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This Week in Zion Sunday School

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

BIBLE VERSE

For the LORD your God is a merciful God.

Deuteronomy 4:31

SCRIPTURE SNAPSHOT

Ruth remains loyal to her widowed motherin-law, Naomi. Returning to Naomi's ancestral home in Bethlehem, Ruth gleans Boaz's fields to provide food for herself and Naomi. Ruth finds favor with Boaz, who purchases Naomi's land and redeems Ruth from her widowhood. Having married Boaz, Ruth bears a son, Obed, the grandfather of King David.

TAKING IT HOME

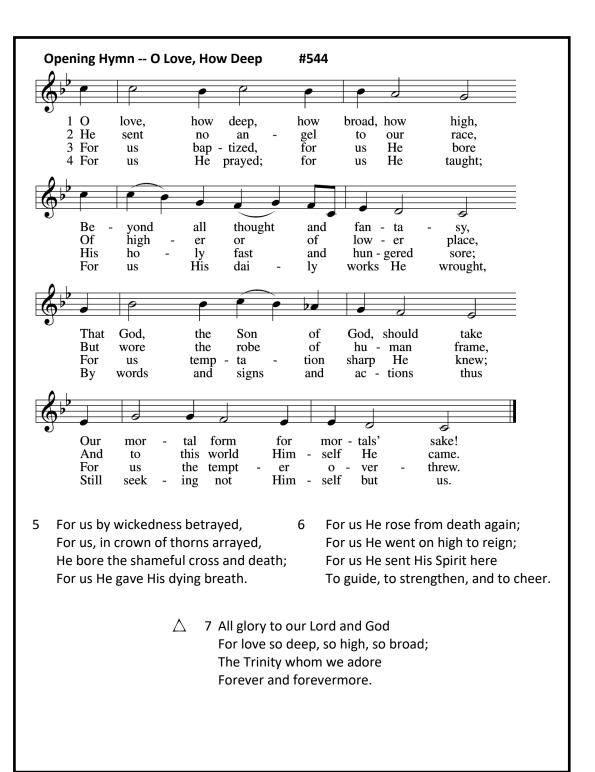
- On the Go—Boaz was Naomi's redeemer, a person who could protect her inheritance. How does Jesus, our Redeemer, protect our inheritance of faith, forgiveness, and life?
- At Mealtime—A long time after Ruth lived, Jesus was born to one of her descendants. How does Ruth, a Moabite (a people who worshiped false gods), remind you that Jesus came to redeem all people?
- Something to Do—Ruth was the great-grandmother of King David. Take some time to learn about your great-grandmothers or other faithful women you admire.
- Before Bed—God granted Ruth and Naomi food, protection, and family to live through each day. What are the daily blessings God provides for your family?



Peuteronomy 4:31

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- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.
- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the H Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit -- Psalm 91:9-13; antiphon: vv. 15-16



- When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in | trouble;
 I will rescue him and | honor him.
 With long life I will sat- I jefy him
 - With long life I will sat- | isfy him and show him my sal- | vation.
- Because you have made the LORD your | dwelling place—
 the Most High, who is my | refuge—
 no evil shall be allowed to be- | fall you,
 no plague come | near your tent.
 For he will command his angels con- | cerning you
 to guard you in | all your ways.



Join us Wednesdays during Lent

Zion will have two Lenten services each week ... an afternoon spoken service at 2 pm and our regular 7 pm service.

Wednesday 3/1 -- 2 & 7 pm Wednesday 3/8 -- 2 & 7 pm Wednesday 3/15 -- 2 & 7 pm 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.



This Week at Zion

SUN 2/26	8:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM Adult/Teen Bible Study & Children's SS 10:30 AM Worship
MON 2/27	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
TUE 2/28	
WED 3/1	2:00 PM Lenten Worship Week 2 7:00 PM Lenten Worship Week 2
THU 3/2	6:00 PM Adult Confirmation Class
FRI 3/3	
SAT 3/4	
SUN 3/5	8:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM Adult/Teen Bible Study & Children's SS 10:30 AM Worship

On their hands they will | bear you up,

lest you strike your foot a- | gainst a stone.

You will tread on the lion and the | adder;

the young lion and the serpent you will trample | underfoot.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,

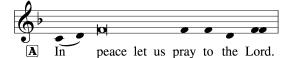
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

P When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in | trouble;

I will rescue him and | honor him.

With long life I will sat- | isfy him and show him my sal- | vation.

Kyrie





C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.





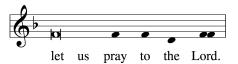
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



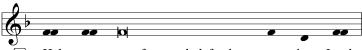




A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise







A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra-cious Lord.



Salutation and Collect of the Day



Service Participants

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Edward Grimenstein

Music Director: Mark Killinger

Organist: Sandy Quinlan

Elders: Sam Garloff, Mike Wallace (8:00)

Bill Bishop, Jim Neill (10:30)

Acolytes: Lindsey Liberatore (8:00); Jeremy Dyczewski (10:30)

Ushers: Brian & Decklan Pasquini, Noah Wallace, Ron Meier (8:00)

Dan & Tracey Harris, Sam & Jack Bishop (10:30)

Altar Guild: Janet & Marian Oelschlager

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

ETERNAL LIGHT is given by Zion Lutheran Church in memory of two of Zion's founding members -- Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Oelschlager -- grandparents of Jane Kozak, Judy Dames, and Carol Lockhart, on the occasion of its 125th anniversary year.

PARENTS ... children's activity pages are available in the baskets at both church entrances. They reinforce the concepts and themes for that week's worship service in a kid-friendly format. Use them during church, or take them home to use later! Also, be sure to guide your child through the "Kids in the Divine Service" page found on the last page of each bulletin.



Last Week in Worship

Sunday Worship Attendance (2/19) -- 48 (8 am); 84 (10:30 am) Ash Wednesday Worship Attendance (2/22) -- 23 (2 pm); 64 (7 pm) Plate Offerings (2/19) -- \$1783 Online Offering -- \$1965

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, Jack Ewing, 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.



P Let us pray.

O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Old Testament Reading -- Genesis 3:1–21

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made.

He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?" And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die." But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man

said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

The LORD God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this,
cursed are you above all livestock
and above all beasts of the field;
on your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat
all the days of your life.
I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and her offspring;
he shall bruise your head,
and you shall bruise his heel."

To the woman he said,

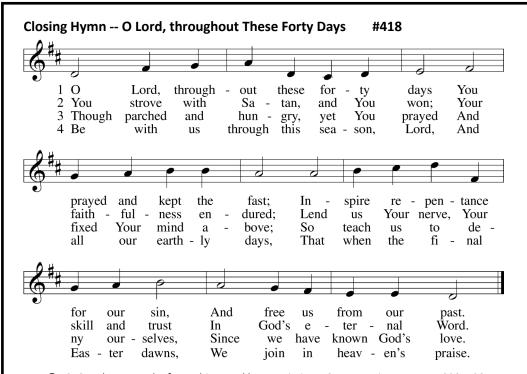
"I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you."

And to Adam he said,

"Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you,
 'You shall not eat of it,'
cursed is the ground because of you;
 in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;
 and you shall eat the plants of the field.

By the sweat of your face
 you shall eat bread,
till you return to the ground,
 for out of it you were taken;
for you are dust,
 and to dust you shall return."

The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.



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Nunc Dimittis

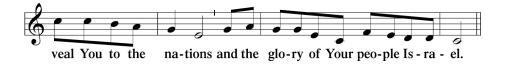


Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful-



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have pre-









- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Choir -- Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow (8:00 am) **Grace Bell Choir** -- Into the Woods My Master Went (10:30 am)

Epistle Reading -- Romans 5:12-19

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. If, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of right-eousness leads to justification and life for all men. For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse (Lent)





Holy Gospel

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourth chapter.



Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written,

"'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

"'He will command his angels concerning you,'

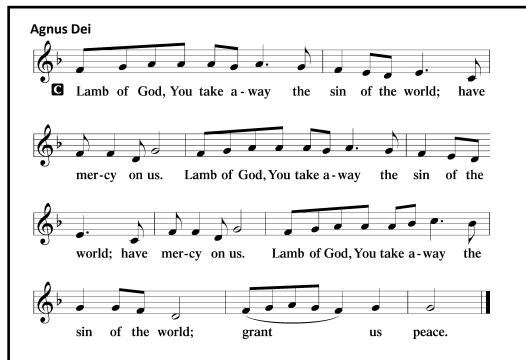
and

"'On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone."

Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test." Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written,

"'You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve."

Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.



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.

Distribution Hymns

O, Christ You Walked the Road	#424
Through Jesus' Blood and Merit	#746
All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall	#562

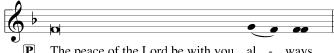


- As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

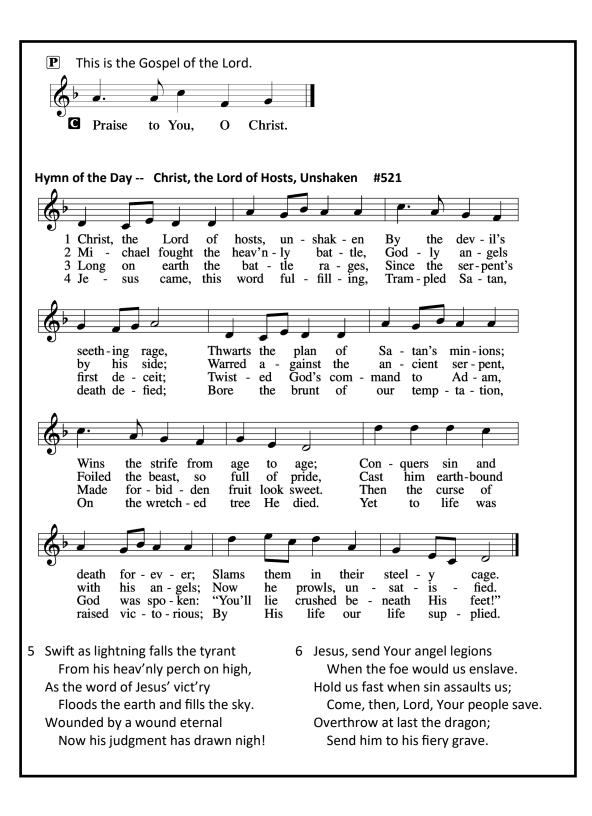
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven: give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the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

Pax Domini



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





Sermon

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven

He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life + everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

P ... Let us pray to the Lord.

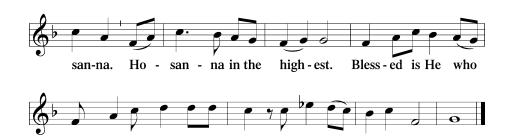
C ... Lord have mercy.

Gathering of Offerings

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

Offertory





comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

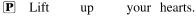
C Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

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 + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

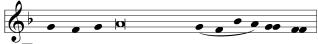
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."







C We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



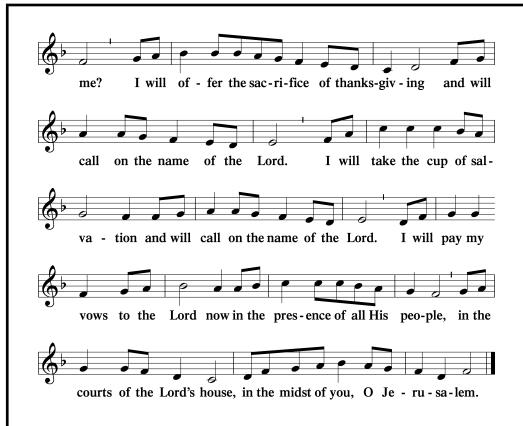
It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared 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





Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



Service of the Sacrament

Preface



