

Matthew 4:1-11

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread." Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written: " 'He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do 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 splendor. "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'" Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

WELCOME TO
ZION'S REFORMED CHURCH

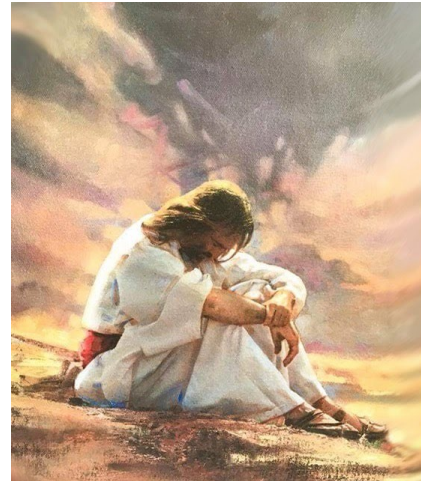
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FIRST
SUNDAY OF
LENT

*"Worship the Lord your
God, and serve Him only."*

-Matthew 4:10



*Good
morning and
welcome to
Zion's Reformed
Church!*

We welcome Rev. Dr. Tim Morrison to the pulpit today.
Thank you for being here!

The Altar Flowers are in memory of Bill Johnston, by his
wife and family.

Ushering today are Linda Henry, Sherry Winner, Lori
Tofani, and Linda Allison.

The children are invited to the Youth Center after Word
for the Family for an activity.

Everyone is invited to the Anderson Lounge after the ser-
vice for refreshments.

Large Print Bulletins and seat cushions are available
in the back of the sanctuary. Coloring books and crayons
are available for children.

Members of the Prayer Chain will meet in the chapel
after the service.

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

The LORD God put the man in the Garden of Eden. He put him there to work its ground and to take care of it. The LORD God gave the man a command. He said, "You can eat the fruit of any tree that is in the garden. But you must not eat the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If you do, you can be sure that you will die."

Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'" "You will not certainly die," the serpent said to the woman. "For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.



The Good Shepherd Center
request for

March

**70 Boxes of potatoes
For the Easter Meal
Distribution**

Barrels are located in the front and back entrances of the church for your donations.

If anyone would like to volunteer to take the items to The Food Pantry each month, please let Julie know.



MARCH 7 AT 2:00 IN ANDERSON LOUNGE

The Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Group continues to meet the first Tuesday of every month at 2:00 in the Anderson Lounge. This group is led by Pastor Glenn Sadler and is open to anyone.

ZION'S REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Rev. Dr. Tim Morrison
Lori Seinar-Roknick, Director of Music Ministries

*Please rise in body or spirit, as you are able.
February 26, 2023 10:30 a.m.

*Where the past and the future with Jesus Christ are
celebrated so the present can be lived abundantly.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Bob Fischer, Lector

THE SOLEMN DECLARATION

Leader: And now may we prepare our hearts and minds for
worship as we are gathered in the name of God the
Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

THE ENTRANCE OF LIGHT Sydnie Powell, Acolyte

~Please use prelude time for thought, reflection and prayer~
PRELUDE "Praise to the Lord the Almighty" Terry Kirkland

*GATHERING SONG "Lord I Lift Your Name on High" (page 7)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather as sisters and brothers to begin our Lenten
journey.

People: We gather to share and learn in this journey.

Leader: We know we may stumble and fall in this journey,

**People: but we will reach for the hand of Christ who will
raise us up in the journey.**

Leader: Together let us worship God.

People: We gather in hope and love.

*OPENING HYMN NO. 436 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

~please be seated~

CHORAL CALL TO CONFESSION

Chancel Choir

CALL TO CONFESSION - RESPONSIVE LITANY

Leader: During Lent, we reflect on our sins and the meaning of repentance.

People: Repentance is our response to God's boundless grace.

Leader: We look for clear direction and firm guidance from God.

People: Repentance is turning from darkness and walking in the light.

Leader: We strive to become people who are more loving and less self-serving.

People: Repentance is taking responsibility for our actions.

Leader: We seek forgiveness and place our faith in God's mercy.

People: Repentance is trusting God's eternal grace and steadfast love.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you, both in our deeds and in our inaction. We have forgotten your teachings and have loved ourselves more than our neighbor. Through your Holy Spirit, come and work repentance into our hearts. Open us to change and growth. Give to us an experience of grace that lifts our burdens from us and enables us to live rich, joyful lives for the good of others, and for your kingdom. Amen.



One Great Hour of Sharing® is one of four special mission offerings of the United Church of Christ. This Lenten Offering supports the disaster, refugee, and development ministries of the United Church of Christ within Wider Church Ministries.

In Galatians, the Apostle Paul encourages followers of Jesus to generously help and care for others. Though there is great need in the world and we can grow weary because we do not know how to help, God's Spirit energizes and re-energizes us in every season.

We can make a difference. We do make a difference. Your generosity makes all the difference.

The OGHS offering will be received on March 19.

Rev. Glenn Sadler will lead the service next Sunday which includes Holy Communion. Scheduled to serve Communion are Ron and Betty Mink, Linda Seeley, April Konig and Sandy Harter.

Consistory will meet Thursday, March 9 at 6:00.

Rev David Ackerman, Conference Minister will be our guest on March 12 and deliver the sermon "The Woman at the Well and The Good News Bears".



DINNER AND A MOVIE
BEGINS WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

Every Wednesday during Lent, enjoy a light supper with friends in Anderson Lounge and then watch Series Three of THE CHOSEN in the chapel.

THE EVENING BEGINS AT 5:30

March 1: Chili and Cornbread

March 8: Ham balls and Haluski

March 15: Oriental Salad and Onion casserole

March 22: Soup, Salad and Snickerdoodles

March 29: suggestions? We need food items that begin with "E" and "N".

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE - Teach Us the Wisdom of God

Words and Music by
MARTY HAUGEN

Congregation:

Eye has not seen, ear has not heard what God has
read-y for those who love him; Spir - it of
love, come, give us the mind of Je - sus,
teach us the wis-dom of God.

WORD FOR THE FAMILY "Apple of My Eye"

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH AND THE 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE

**Hear our prayer O Lord, hear our prayer O Lord.
Incline your ear to us, and grant us your peace. Amen.**

CHOIR ANTHEM "Amazing Grace" arr. by John Carter

SCRIPTURES Hebrew Lesson Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 (page 11)
Gospel Lesson Matthew 4:1-11 (back of bulletin)

SERMON "Who Tells the Truth?"

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Invitation

Offertory Music "Lyric Echoes" Steven Scott

*Doxology No. 780

*Unison Prayer of Dedication

We do praise you, Loving God, from whom all blessings flow. Receive these our gifts and offerings. May they truly be acceptable to you. May they help all who are in need. Amen.


*CLOSING HYMN NO. 211 "Lord Jesus, Who Through Forty Days"

*THE BENEDICTION

*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*THE POSTLUDE "All Glory Be To God on High"
Johann Gottfried Walther

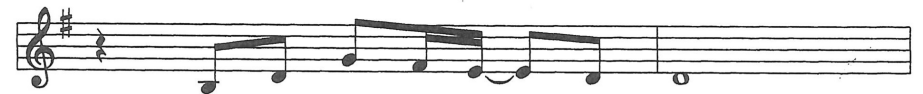
2088 Lord, I Lift Your Name on High




Lord, I lift your name on high;



Lord, I love to sing your prais - es.




I'm so glad you're in my life;




I'm so glad you came to save us.




You came from heav - en to earth _ to show the way, _



_ from the earth _ to the cross _ my debt to pay; _



_ from the cross to the grave, _ from the grave to the sky; _



_ Lord, I lift your name on high.

WORDS: Rick Founds (1 Cor. 15:3-4)

MUSIC: Rick Founds

LIFT YOUR NAME ON HIGH

Irregular

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