

*Welcome!*

How often have  
I desired to  
gather your children  
together as a hen  
gathers her brood  
under her wings

LUKE 13:34



## *Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church*

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*Our Mission: Empowered and Inspired by God to bring others to Christ.*

# *The Second Sunday in Lent*

March 16, 2025 ~ 9:00 am

## *The Liturgy of Word and Sacrament*

*Though we sometimes doubt and often resist God's desire to protect and save us, our God persists. In holy baptism, God's people have been called and gathered into a God-initiated relationship that will endure. Lent provides the church with a time and a tradition in which to seek God's face again. Lent provides another occasion to behold the God of our salvation in the face of the Blessed One who "comes in the name of the Lord."*

*\*Congregation please stand*

### **The Pre-service Music**

~ The Gathering ~

#### **\* The Confession and Forgiveness**

BLESSED BE THE HOLY TRINITY, ✚ ONE GOD, WHO FORGIVES ALL OUR SIN, WHOSE MERCY ENDURES FOREVER.

**Amen.**

LET US RETURN TO GOD, CONFESSING OUR SIN IN THE ASSURANCE OF GOD'S ABIDING LOVE.

*Please kneel if able.*

COMPASSIONATE ONE,

**you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross.**

**Amen.**

BELOVED IN CHRIST, GOD'S ARMS ARE ALWAYS STRETCHED OPEN WIDE TO WELCOME THE WANDERING ONES HOME. IN ✚ CHRIST YOUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN. YOU HAVE A PLACE IN GOD'S HOUSE FOREVER.

**Amen.**

#### **\* The Gathering Hymn**

*"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"*

WOV No. 660

**I want Jesus to walk with me; I want Jesus to walk with me;  
All along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.**

**In my trials, Lord, walk with me; In my trials, Lord, walk with me;  
When my heart is almost breaking, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.**

**When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me; When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;  
When my head is bowed in sorrow, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.**

#### **\* The Greeting**

THE GRACE OF JESUS CHRIST OUR SAVIOR, THE RECONCILING LOVE OF GOD, AND THE COMMUNION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT BE WITH YOU ALL.

**And also with you.**

\* **The Kyrie Eleison** (*Now the Feast*)

IN PEACE, IN PEACE, LET US PRAY TO THE LORD.

**Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

FOR THE REIGN OF GOD, AND FOR PEACE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, FOR THE UNITY OF ALL, LET US PRAY TO THE LORD.

**Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

FOR YOUR PEOPLE HERE, WHO HAVE COME TO GIVE YOU PRAISE, FOR THE STRENGTH TO LIVE YOUR WORD, LET US PRAY TO THE LORD.

**Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

HELP, SAVE, AND DEFEND US, O GOD.

**Amen.**

\* **The Prayer of the Day**

THE LORD BE WITH YOU

(*Sung*) **And also with you.**

LET US PRAY:

**God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world.**

**Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in**

**the life we share in 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~

**The First Lesson** Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

*God promises a childless and doubting Abram that he will have a child, that his descendants will be as numerous as the stars, and that the land of Canaan will be their inheritance. Abram's trust in God is sealed with a covenant-making ceremony, a sign of God's promise.*

(*After the reading*)

THE WORD OF THE LORD

**Thanks be to God.**

**The Psalm 27** Tune "*As With Gladness Men of Old*" No.82

**God my Savior and my Light; Keeps me safe from dreadful fright.**

WHEN EVILDOERS ASSAIL ME, UTTERING SLANDERS AGAINST ME, MY ADVERSARIES AND FOES, THEY SHALL STUMBLE AND FALL. THOUGH A HOST ENCAMP AGAINST ME, MY HEART SHALL NOT FEAR. THOUGH WAR ARISE AGAINST ME, YET WILL I BE CONFIDENT.

**God my Savior and my Light--May I serve him day and night.**

ONE THING I HAVE 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, TO BEHOLD THE BEAUTY OF THE LORD, AND TO INQUIRE IN HIS TEMPLE.

**God my Savior and my Light Watches with protecting might.**

HE WILL HIDE ME IN HIS SHELTER IN THE DAY OF TROUBLE. HE WILL CONCEAL ME UNDER THE COVER OF HIS TENT. HE WILL SET ME HIGH UPON A ROCK.

**God my Savior and my Light Keeps me safe within his sight.**

AND NOW MY HEAD SHALL BE LIFTED UP ABOVE ALL MY ENEMIES ROUND ABOUT ME; AND I WILL OFFER IN HIS TENT SACRIFICES WITH SHOUTS OF JOY. I WILL SING AND MAKE MELODY TO THE LORD.

**God my Savior and my Light Answers me from heaven's height.**

HEAR ME, LORD, WHEN I CALL TO YOU! BE MERCIFUL AND ANSWER ME! WHEN YOU SAID, "COME, SEEK MY FACE," MY HEART REPLIED, "YOUR FACE, LORD, I WILL SEEK. DO NOT HIDE YOUR FACE FROM ME."

**Let me see your face aright, God my Savior and my Light!**

O GOD OF MY SALVATION, YOU HAVE BEEN MY HELP; DO NOT TURN AWAY FROM ME OR DESERT ME. EVEN IF MY FATHER AND MOTHER FORSAKE ME, THE LORD WILL TAKE CARE OF ME.

**God my Savior and my Light Keeps me safe from dreadful fright.**

TEACH ME YOUR WAY, O LORD; LEAD ME ON A RIGHT PATH BECAUSE OF MY ENEMIES. PROTECT ME FROM THEIR LIES AND THREATS.

**God my Savior and my Light Watches with protecting might.**

I BELIEVE THAT I SHALL SEE THE GOODNESS OF THE LORD IN THE LAND OF THE LIVING. WAIT FOR THE LORD. BE STRONG AND LET YOUR HEART TAKE COURAGE. WAIT FOR THE LORD.

**God my Savior and my Light--May I serve him day and night!**

## **The Second Lesson Philippians 3:17-4:1**

*Although Paul's devotion to Christ has caused him to be persecuted, he does not regret the course he has taken. Writing from prison, he expresses confidence in a glorious future and encourages other Christians to follow in his footsteps.*

*(After the reading)*

THE WORD OF THE LORD

**Thanks be to God.**

### **\* The Gospel Acclamation** *(Lenten Verse Now the Feast)*

**Return to God with all your heart, the Source of grace and mercy;  
Come, seek the tender faithfulness of God.**

### **\* The Holy Gospel St. Luke 13:31-35**

*Neither Herod's plotting nor Jerusalem's resistance to maternal love will deter Jesus from his sacrificial mission.*

*(Before the Gospel)*

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT LUKE THE 13<sup>TH</sup> CHAPTER:

*(Spoken)* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*(After the Gospel)*

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD

*(Spoken)* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **The Sermon**

*Pastor Cindy White*

### **\*The Hymn of the Day**

**“Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”**

ELW No. 335

**Jesus, keep me near the cross, there's a precious fountain;  
free to all, a healing stream flows from Calv'ry's mountain.**

*(Refrain)* **In the cross, in the cross be my glory ever;  
till my ransomed soul shall find rest beyond the river.**

**Near the cross, a trembling soul, love and mercy found me;  
there the bright and morning star sheds its beams around me. *(Refrain)***

**Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes before me;  
help me walk from day to day with its shadow o'er me. *(Refrain)***

**Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hoping, trusting ever,  
till I reach the golden strand just beyond the river. *(Refrain)***

## \* The Apostles' Creed

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.**

## \* The Prayers of Intercession

LED BY THE SPIRIT, LET US TURN TO GOD IN PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH, THE WORLD, AND ALL THOSE IN NEED.

*A brief silence.*

HOLY GOD, YOU LONG TO GATHER YOUR CHURCH UNDER YOUR WINGS. BLESS THE CHURCHES OF JERUSALEM, AND ALL PERSECUTED CHURCHES, THAT YOUR PEOPLE MAY TAKE HEART AND STAND FIRM AS THEY WITNESS AND MINISTER IN YOUR NAME. GOD, IN YOUR MERCY,

**receive our prayer.**

HOLY GOD, YOU GIVE SHELTER TO LIVING THINGS AS NUMEROUS AS THE STARS. STRENGTHEN THE VOICE OF PROPHETS WHO CALL HUMANITY TO FAITHFUL CARE FOR THE PLANET, THAT THEY WOULD NOT BE SILENCED BUT HEHEDED AS YOUR MESSENGERS. GOD, IN YOUR MERCY,

**receive our prayer.**

HOLY GOD, YOU RAISED UP LEADERS LIKE ABRAM, SARAI, AND PAUL TO SHOW YOUR PEOPLE WHAT IT MEANS TO RELY ON YOUR PROMISES. GUIDE TODAY'S LEADERS TO WORK FOR JUSTICE AND SAFEGUARD THE WORLD FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS. GOD, IN YOUR MERCY,

**receive our prayer.**

HOLY GOD, YOU ARE THE STRONGHOLD OF OUR LIFE. CARE TENDERLY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL IN BODY OR MIND, AND FOR PEOPLE LIVING IN FEAR OR NEED ESPECIALLY MARGARET, STEVE, CHRISTINE, EDDIE, GEORGE, JAN, RALPH, AND ALL OUR MEMBERS WHO ARE HOMEBOUND. MAY ALL KNOW THEY ARE NOT ALONE. GOD, IN YOUR MERCY,

**receive our prayer.**

HOLY GOD, YOU OFFER US CITIZENSHIP IN HEAVEN. UNITE COMMUNITIES OF FAITH WHO ARE DIVIDED OVER EARTHLY THINGS, THAT FOLLOWING THE WAY OF YOUR SON, THEY MAY SET ASIDE GRUDGES AND SERVE THEIR NEIGHBORS WITH GENEROSITY AND LOVE. GOD, IN YOUR MERCY,

**receive our prayer.**

HOLY GOD, YOU ARE OUR LIGHT AND OUR SALVATION. WE GIVE THANKS FOR THE SAINTS WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US. HELP US TO TRUST IN YOU AS THEY DID AND TO LIVE ACCORDING TO THEIR EXAMPLE. GOD, IN YOUR MERCY,

**receive our prayer.**

GOD OF GRACE AND MERCY, (PLEASE SHARE ANY PERSONAL PRAYER PETITIONS) HEAR OUR PETITIONS THAT WE SPEAK OUT LOUD AND THE ONES THAT WE HOLD IN OUR HEARTS. GOD, IN YOUR MERCY,

**receive our prayer.**

RECEIVE THE PRAYERS OF YOUR PEOPLE AND DRAW ALL THINGS TOGETHER IN YOUR LOVE, IN THE NAME OF JESUS, WHO LEADS US FROM DEATH TO LIFE.

**Amen.**

**\* The Peace of Christ**

THE PEACE OF THE LORD BE WITH YOU ALWAYS.

**And also with you.**

~The Meal~

**The Offering and Offertory**

*Zion members, please use your envelopes for contributions so that your offering may be officially recorded. Please mail your envelopes to Zion Lutheran Church 101 N. Greenwood Street Tamaqua, PA 18252 or visit ziontamaqua.com for our Vanco option.*

**\* The Offertory Procession “As the Grains of Wheat” (Now the Feast)**

*(Refrain)* **As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill  
were gathered into one to become our bread;  
so may all your people from all the  
ends of earth be gathered into one in you.**

**As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst,  
may we share the presence of your love. (Refrain)**

**\* The Offertory Prayer**

LET US PRAY: GRACIOUS PROVIDER, YOU SET YOUR IMMENSE TREASURES AMONG US, OPENING YOUR HEART TO THE WORLD. AS WE PREPARE TO FEAST ON YOUR BOUNTIFUL LOVE, DEEPEN OUR COMMITMENT TO SHARING THOSE TREASURES WITH OTHERS, THROUGH OUR SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST.

**Amen.**

**\* The Great Thanksgiving**

**\* The Preface and Sanctus**

THE LORD BE WITH YOU

*(Sung)* **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.**

IT IS OUR DUTY.....THEIR UNENDING HYMN: *(Now the Feast)*

*(Sung)* **Holy, holy, holy are you, God of power and might; Heaven and earth are filled with your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who comes in your name. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest!**

\* **The Eucharistic Prayer** *(Now the Feast)*

YOU ARE INDEED HOLY, ... WE PRAY FOR HIS COMING AGAIN EVEN AS WE CRY.

AMEN. COME, LORD JESUS. AMEN. COME, LORD JESUS.

*(Sung)* **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

SEND NOW, WE PRAY, YOUR HOLY SPIRIT, THAT ALL OF YOUR PROMISES MAY COME TO US AND YOUR CREATION.

AMEN. COME, HOLY SPIRIT. AMEN. COME, HOLY SPIRIT.

*(Sung)* **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit. Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

THIS WE PRAY THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, OUR SAVIOR AND OUR FRIEND.

*(Sung)* **Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, O God, now and forever. Amen.**

\* **The Lord's Prayer**

MAKE US BOLD, O MERCIFUL GOD, TO ADDRESS YOU AS OUR ABBA AS WE PRAY:

**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 Invitation to the Holy Meal**

ALL WHO ARE HUNGRY, COME! THE FEAST OF GRACE IS SPREAD.

\* **The Agnus Dei** *“Lamb of God” (Now the Feast)*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.**

**The Distribution**

*All who are baptized and believe that Christ is truly present in the Sacrament are welcome to commune when we celebrate the Lord's Supper. Zion members, please complete a Communion card once a year for our records.*

\* **The Post-Communion Blessing**

THE BODY AND BLOOD OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST STRENGTHEN YOU AND KEEP YOU IN HIS GRACE.  
**Amen.**

\* **The Post Communion Canticle** *(music on page 72 of LBW)*

**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**

**\* The Post Communion Prayer**

LET US PRAY, GENEROUS HOST, YOU HAVE SHARED YOUR FEAST WITH US AND MADE US NEW. SEND US NOW TO SET TABLES OF LOVE AND GRACE IN OUR COMMUNITIES, THAT YOUR LIBERATING LOVE MIGHT NOURISH THE WORLD INTO FREEDOM, IN THE NAME OF THE CRUCIFIED ONE, JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD.

**Amen.**

**The Senior Choir Anthem “*Look at Him*” – McGee/ Lantz**

**~The Sending~**

**\* The Blessing**

GOD OUR TENDER PARENT, GOD THE CRUCIFIED ONE, GOD THE RECONCILING SPIRIT,  
✠ BLESS YOU NOW AND FOREVER.

**(Spoken) Amen.**

**\* The Dismissal**

GO IN PEACE. CARE FOR OTHERS AS GOD CARES FOR YOU.

**Thanks be to God.**

**\* The Sending Hymn “*The Old Rugged Cross*”**

Additional Hymnal No. 3

**On a Hill far away stood an old rugged cross The emblem of suffering and shame.  
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best For a world of lost sinners was slain.**

*(Refrain)* **So I'll cherish the old rugged cross Till my trophies at last I lay down;  
I will cling to the old rugged cross And exchange it some day for a crown.**

**O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world Has a wondrous attraction for me.  
For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above To bear it to dark Calvary. *(Refrain)***

**In the old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine A wondrous beauty I see.  
For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died To pardon and sanctify me. *(Refrain)***

**To the old rugged cross I will ever be true; Its shame and reproach gladly bear.  
Then He'll call me some day to my home far away,  
Where His glory forever I'll share. *(Refrain)***

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**March 23, 2025 readings are:**

Isaiah 55:1-9

Psalm 63:1-8

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Luke 13:1-9

# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

March 15-16, 2025

*\*If you need assistance, please see one of the ushers in the back of the church; Large Print Bulletins are available. Grape juice is available in the tray for those who wish not to partake of the wine. Please Silence your cell phones during service. A Family Room is available for use during or after services, located across from the office. A changing station is available for your convenience in the restroom across from the Family Room. We respectfully ask that you refrain from taking photos during the service. Opportunities are always available after the service. Welcome visitors, please sign our guest book. Thank you.*

## **GIFTS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD**

**THE ALTAR CANDLES** are given to the Glory of God and

In honor of Sandy Mehalko for blessing Zion with her gift of music by Michael Haspe

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of Gordon Beidleman by the family

**THE BULLETINS** are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of Shayne T. Livingston and Calvin Titus by the family

**A March 23<sup>rd</sup> Altar Flower sponsor is needed.**

**Please sign up on the church bulletin board**

*Please remember the following in your prayers: Margaret, Steve Ristila, Christine Zimmerman, Eddie Smith, George Weaver, Jan McRoberts, Ralph Derr, and all our members who are homebound.*

*We ask you to please note our Congregational Care Card, this week's care card is for Irene Pecha; please sign your name card posted by the bulletin board.*

## **Welcome!!**

Parish office phone number and fax is 570-668-2180.

Parish office email address is [zionlcof@verizon.net](mailto:zionlcof@verizon.net)

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Parish Office Hours- Monday & Wednesday: 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Tuesday & Thursday: 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

**Zion's 2024 Church Council officers:** Michael Haspe, President, Brian Lawfer, Vice-President, Amanda Hascin, Secretary, Dave Gensure, Treasurer, and Ann Marie Hadesty, Financial Secretary. Other members of Council include Arlene Derr, Glenn Fritzing, Thomas Graham, Carol Hartung, Brittany Scalfani Mary Ruth Taylor, Michelle Valentine; and Shelly Woodring; if you have suggestions or concerns, please seek out a member of Council so that we can promptly address the needs of the congregation.

# This Week in Our Church

## **SUNDAY, March 16, 2025**

9:00 The Service of Word & Sacrament  
10:15 Christian Education  
11:00 Confirmation Class  
12:30 Lenten Bible Study

## **MONDAY**

5:45 Property Meeting  
6:30 Council Meeting

## **WEDNESDAY**

7:00 Mid-Week Lenten Service/ Zion  
8:00 Senior Choir Rehearsal

## **SATURDAY**

6:00 Saturday Evening Worship

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### **Supporting Zion's Ministries**

*"Empowered and inspired by God to bring others to Christ"*

Received 3/9/25 in support of Zion Ministries:

From our gifts	\$2,890.00
From Thrift Store	\$1,108.50
From Endowment (other)	\$0.00

Received for Endowment: \$277.00

Received for Capital Campaign: \$590.00

Received year-to-date for Zion's mission/ministries:

From offering/gifts/memorials:	\$24,420.67
From Thrift Store:	\$1,108.50*
From Endowment:	\$0.00
From Culinary:	\$1,900.00

Year-to-date total for Zion's mission/ministries: \$27,429.17

\* Thrift Store donates half of income to Outreach total income - \$2,217.00

*Thank you for your gifts. Your gifts allow us to share the word of God and the love of Jesus with our congregation and our community.*

## ***GIFTS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD***

***CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FUND DONATIONS*** are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of Paul Pecha by Mike & Kathy Miller

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In honor of Glory to God by Michelle Rex

In loving memory of Paul Pecha by Mrs. & Mr. Walter Weston

## **Upcoming Events**

**March 28 & April 11** – Lenten Fish Dinners

**April 4** – Blessings Thrift Sale

**April 13** – Palm Sunday Potluck

**April 24** – Hoagie Sale

**Zion's Blessings Thrift Shop** is on Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 5 pm. The sale features gently used clothing for all ages, toys, books, and general household items. Come take a look! Limited Take-Out Menu. Thank you all for your continued support!

***Altar Flower and Bulletin Sponsors needed for 2025 - The Altar Flower and Bulletin Sponsor list for 2025 is on the bulletin board. The costs of the flowers are \$42.60, individuals will be billed from the florist. The cost of the bulletin sponsorship is \$16.00, monies are due when you place your name on the list. You can also sponsor the Candles for the month at \$40. Please remember to fill out a card with your honorarium or memorial, this information is needed for the bulletin. Please do not sign up without filling out a form. Please contact the church office if you have questions. Thank you in advance for your sponsorship!***

***Palm Sunday Potluck*** - A fellowship potluck will be held on Palm Sunday April 13, 2025, following the morning worship service. Sign-up sheets are available in the Gathering Room. Hope to see you there!

**Zion Lenten Fish Dinners - March 28 and April 11, 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM or sell-out.** Adult \$13.00 – Children up to age 10 \$7.00. Take-Outs Available Menu includes Baked Haddock, Crab Cakes or Chicken Fingers, Mac & Cheese, Stewed Tomatoes, Cole Slaw and Dessert. Combinations and ala carte are not available. Dinners may be pre-ordered on the website ([www.ziontamaqua.com](http://www.ziontamaqua.com)) or by calling 570-668-4451. Deadline to order dinners is **March 25 & April 8.** Walk-ins welcome. Hope to see you there! Culinary Donations are Needed for the dinners...Cases of 12 oz. Bottles of water, please place them in the kitchen marked culinary. We also need desserts for the March 14<sup>th</sup> dinner. Contact Mary Ruth by March 9<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

**MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES 2025** – St. John’s and Zion will once again hold combined Mid-Week Lenten Services at 7:00 pm. The service will follow the Holden Evening prayer from the ELW. This week’s service is at Zion.

### **Easter Gifts**

Easter is generally a time when gifts and memorials are presented. While we would welcome and appreciate a special gift to any of our funds most Easter gifts usually arrive as Endowment Fund, Capital Campaign Fund or Easter lilies. Please fill out the form below and return it to the Church office. **This Form must accompany your contributions so that the office knows if your memorial is to be placed in the Easter Sunday handout.**

Easter lily/ Endowment Fund/ Capital Campaign (Circle one)

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_ Or

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Lilies: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_



**Cost is \$10.00 per Lily. Endowment Gifts and other gifts can be any amount. Please return this form to the office no later than Monday, March 30, 2025. This is a firm deadline please have your orders in by the due date so that the lily order can be placed.**