



**ZION'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Defiance, Ohio

*Fourth Sunday in Lent*

Sunday, March 15, 2026 — 9:45 a.m.

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# THE MINISTERS ARE THE PEOPLE

March 15, 2026 9:45 A.M. WORSHIP

Preaching  
Musician  
Deacon  
Altar Care

Pastor Tom Zulick  
Neal Deniston  
Doug Eis  
Karen Graf

Ushers  
Fellowship Hour  
Offering Collectors

Ed & Joyce Rayle  
Linda Hardy  
Angela Gutman  
& Sue McKibben

AV Team: Doug Eis, Sandy Eis, Stormy Gutman, Angela Gutman, & Shaun Holley

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## — *We Gather To Hear God's Word* —

WELCOME

GATHERING SONG

"Shout to the Lord"

Red Book #821

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

OPENING HYMN

"God, Whose Almighty Word"

Red Book #673

GREETING

KYRIE

Red Book Setting 4, pg. 147

PRAYER OF THE DAY

*We sit*

FIRST READING: **1 Samuel 16:1-13**

RESPONSIVE READING: **Psalms 23**

SECOND READING: **Ephesians 5:8-14**

*We stand*

LENTEN ACCLAMATION "Return to the Lord, Your God" Red Book Setting 4, pg. 151

GOSPEL: **John 9:1-41**

*We sit*

HOMILY

*We stand*

"Reconciliation: Healing Relationships

Pastor Tom Zulick

HYMN OF THE DAY

"We Come to You for Healing, Lord"

Red Book #617

BRIEF ORDER FOR HEALING

Red Book pg. 276

Anyone who would like to come forward for the laying on of hands  
and anointing, please come forward.

## — *We Respond to God's Word* —

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

APOSTLES CREED

Red Book Setting 1, pg. 105

SHARING OF THE PEACE

*We sit*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY HYMN <i>We stand</i>	"Let the Vineyards"	Blue Book Setting 5, pg. 35
OFFERTORY PRAYER		
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING		Red Book Setting 4, pg. 152
SANCTUS	"Holy, Holy, Holy"	Red Book Setting 4, pg. 153
EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER V		
THE LORD'S PRAYER (sung) <i>We sit</i>		Red Book pg. 154
AGNUS DEI	"Lamb of God"	Red Book Setting 4, pg. 154
DISTRIBUTION	"Here is Bread" "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"	W & P Book #58 Red Book #324
<i>We stand</i>		
POST COMMUNION CANTICLE	"Thankful Hearts"	Blue Book Setting 5, pg. 40
POST COMMUNION PRAYER		
BLESSING		

*— We Go To Live God's Word —*

SENDING HYMN	"Come Down, O Love Divine"	Red Book #804
DISMISSAL		
POSTLUDE	"Go in Peace and Serve the Lord"	W&P Book #46

**March 8, 2026 Attendance & Collection**

Sunday Attendance 50	Ministry Fund \$ 2,935.00
Youtube Views 44	Building Fund \$ 0.00

In order to meet our weekly budget guidelines, the Ministry Fund needs \$3,485.00 each week.

To be added to the prayer chains, please contact:  
ePrayers: [office@zionslutheranchurch.com](mailto:office@zionslutheranchurch.com).

**WE PRAY...For:** Amy Donahue, Sandy Hupp, David Shafer, Linda Street, John Nawarskas, John Lieswyn, Shelley Anderson, Curtis Shafer, Carole Engel, Mary Keel, Paul and Tom Young, Bob Swingle, Linda Wagner, Julie Logan, Clara Zimmer, Tate Schwiebert, Kate Frank, Mary Boals, Donna Ripke, Marsha Leaders, the Vicky Ward Family, and Leona Bailty.

**For the men and women of our military both here and abroad:** Especially, Dan Bostelman, Scott Clippinger, Jeremy Horstman, Andrew Mullett, Zachary Price, Benjamin Mullett, Erika Rogers, and Matthew Rogers, and Evan DeTray.

## **THIS WEEK AT ZION'S**

Sunday, March 15	8:45 am	Adult Forum
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	9:45 am	Sunday Healing Service
	7:30 pm	AA Group
Monday, March 16	6:00 pm	Council Meeting
	7:00 pm	Barbershoppers
Wednesday, March 18	12:00 pm	AA Group
	6:00 PM	Bell Choir
	7:00 pm	Lenten Service Reconciliation"
Thursday, March 19	9:00 am	Men's Fellowship
	4:30 pm	Finance Committee Meeting
	5:00 pm	TOPS Group
Sunday, March 22	8:45 am	Adult Forum
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	9:45 am	Sunday Worship Service
	7:30 pm	AA Group

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**LENTEN LOVE OFFERING:** The season of Lent is upon us, and our Midweek/Wednesday Offerings are once again being designated to *the Innkeepers' Pantry*. This has been the tradition for the past several years. Council has chosen to continue with this designation as the pantry is an essential part of our congregation's outreach ministry. Typically, the offerings collected during the 6 weeks of Lent cover between 1—2 month's expenses, and that is a wonderful effect! Thank you to all for your continued support—our Pantry Guests are so appreciative!

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### *— Announcements —*

Happy Birthday this week to Elaine Davis.

Maumee Valley Conference Women of the ELCA spring assembly will be on April 18th at First Lutheran Church in Stryker. The theme is "Reach Out to Serve". Nichole Coulter will talk about the HUT Outreach to Haiti. The registration deadline is March 31st. See bulletin board in the Narthex for more info.

The Endowment Committee is accepting grant requests from organizations and groups to accomplish goals such as community outreach, missions, capital improvements, debt reduction, etc. Applications are located in the magazine spinner in the Narthex. **Application deadline is April 1, 2026.**

It's time to order your Easter Flowers. There are order forms on the bulletin board in the Narthex. **Orders are due TODAY!**

Prefilled eggs or candy donations are needed for the Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 5th. Please place them in the pantry chest in the Narthex.

Don't forget your donations for the 40-day Lenten challenge. This challenge will meet our pantry needs for March and fill up our pantry!