



ZION'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Defiance, Ohio

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 22, 2026 — 9:45 a.m.

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THE MINISTERS ARE THE PEOPLE

March 22, 2026 9:45 A.M. WORSHIP

Preaching
Musician
Lector
Altar Care

Pastor Tom Zulick
Neal Deniston
Cyndi Ensign
Sue McKibben

Ushers
Offering Collectors
Fellowship Hour

Colleen Holley &
Angela Gutman
Sue McKibben
Audrey Eis

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

— *We Gather To Hear God's Word* —

WELCOME

GATHERING SONG "Shout to the Lord" Red Book #821

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

OPENING HYMN "Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" Red Book #886

GREETING

KYRIE Red Book Setting 4, pg. 147

PRAYER OF THE DAY

We sit

FIRST READING: **Ezekiel 37:1-14**

RESPONSIVE READING: **Psalms 130**

SECOND READING: **Romans 8:6-11**

We stand

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

GOSPEL: **John 11:1-45**

We sit

HOMILY "Making All Things New" Pastor Tom Zulick

We stand

HYMN OF THE DAY "Let us Ever Walk with Jesus" Red Book #802

— *We Respond to God's Word* —

APOSTLES CREED Red Book Setting 1, pg. 105

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

SHARING OF THE PEACE

We sit

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY HYMN "Let the Vineyards" Blue Book Setting 5, pg. 35

We stand

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		Red Book pg. 154
<i>We sit</i>		
AGNUS DEI	"Lamb of God"	Red Book Setting 4, pg. 154
DISTRIBUTION	"I Am the Bread of Life" "One Bread, One Body"	Red Book #485 Red Book #496
<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 15, 2026 Attendance & Collection

Sunday Attendance 52	Ministry Fund	\$3,465.67
Youtube Views 42	Building Fund	\$ 25.00

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.

WE PRAY...For:

Members: John Lieswyn, Carole Engel, Bob Swingle, Linda Wagner, Kate Frank, Mary Boals, Donna Ripke, Marsha Leaders, Ray Gottschling, and Gary Smith.

Non-Members: Amy Donahue, Sandy Hupp, David Shafer, Linda Street, John Nawarskas, Shelley Anderson, Curtis Shafer, Mary Keel, Paul and Tom Young, Julie Logan, Clara Zimmer, Tate Schwiebert, the Vicky Ward Family, and Becky Mohr.

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 22	8:45 am	Adult Forum
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	9:45 am	Sunday Worship Service
	7:30 pm	AA Group
Monday, March 23	7:00 pm	Barbershoppers
Wednesday, March 25	12:00 pm	AA Group
	6:00 pm	Bell Choir
	7:00 pm	Lenten Service "Making all Things New"
Thursday, March 26	9:00 am	Men's Fellowship
	5:00 pm	TOPS Group
Sunday, March 29	9:00 am	Sunday School
	9:45 am	Palm Sunday Service
	7:30 pm	AA Group

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!

— Announcements —

Happy Birthday this week to Carsen Hageman & Richard Bostelman.

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.**

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!

Moving forward, when you add someone to the prayer chain they will be left on the prayer chain for a three-week period. If that prayer has been answered or circumstances change, please let the office know whether to keep them on.

I would like to invite all of you to an amazing performance called "Journey—a Story of the Blood" at Free Christian Church of God in Continental. The cast consists of over 200 people (including myself). See bulletin board in the Narthex for more info. ~Teresa