



ZION'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
Defiance, Ohio

Third Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 8, 2026 — 9:45 a.m.

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THE MINISTERS ARE THE PEOPLE

March 8, 2026 9:45 A.M. WORSHIP

Preaching
Musician
Lector
Altar Care

Pastor Tom Zulick
Neal Deniston
Tom Boals
Marsha Leaders

Ushers
Fellowship Hour
Offering Collectors

Bill & Cindy Wendell
Angela Gutman
Cindy Wendell
& Donna Schindler

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

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!

— We Gather To Hear God's Word —

WELCOME

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

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

OPENING HYMN "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty" Red Book #533

GREETING

KYRIE Red Book Setting 4, pg. 147

PRAYER OF THE DAY

We sit

FIRST READING: **Exodus 17:1-7**

RESPONSIVE READING: **Psalms 95**

SECOND READING: **Romans 5:1-11**

We stand

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

GOSPEL: **John 4:5-42**

We sit

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HOMILY

We stand

"Lent: A Season of Restoration"

Pastor Tom Zulick

HYMN OF THE DAY

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

Red Book #332

— 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

We stand

“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

We sit

Red Book pg. 154

AGNUS DEI

“Lamb of God”

Red Book Setting 4, pg. 154

DISTRIBUTION

“Bread of Life From Heaven”
“We Come to the Hungry Feast”

Red Book #474

Red Book #479

We stand

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

“Thankful Hearts”

Blue Book Setting 5, pg. 40

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BLESSING

— *We Go To Live God’s Word* —

SENDING HYMN

“Guide me Ever, Great Redeemer”

Red Book #618

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE

“Go in Peace and Serve the Lord”

W&P Book #46

March 1, 2026 Attendance & Collection

Sunday Attendance 67

Youtube Views 46

Ministry Fund \$4,140.00

Building Fund \$ 15.00

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: 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, and the Will Richter Family.

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 8	8:45 am	Adult Forum
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	9:00 am	Breakfast Club
	9:45 am	Sunday Worship Service
	7:30 pm	AA Group
Monday, March 9	12:00 pm	Book Group
	4:15 pm	CIA Group
	7:00 pm	Barbershoppers
Tuesday, March 10	6:00 pm	Pastoral Installation & Reception
Wednesday, March 11	12:00 pm	AA Group
	4:30 pm	Pantry Distribution & Meal
	6:00 PM	Bell Choir
	7:00 pm	Lenten Service "Restoration"
Thursday, March 12	9:00 am	Men's Fellowship
	5:00 pm	TOPS Group
Saturday, March 14		Council Retreat
Sunday, March 15	8:45 am	Adult Forum
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	9:45 am	Sunday Healing Service
	7:30 pm	AA Group

— Announcements —

Happy Birthday this week to Dawn McKibben, Libbie Engel, Cyndi Ensign, Marty Frank, Ron Allgire, and Steve Faryniarz.

All are welcome to attend the Installation Service this Tuesday, March 10th @ 6:00 pm where Pastor Tom will be Installed by Bishop Daniel. The outreach committee will be hosting a reception immediately following.

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.**

The Council is planning a Retreat at Defiance College for Saturday, March 14th starting at 9:00 am.

It's time to order your Easter Flowers. There are order forms on the bulletin board in the Narthex. **Orders need to be turned in by March 15th.**

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!