

# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

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## The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 29 & 30, 2025

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### Welcome

Like a loving father welcoming a prodigal child home and inviting the other to join the feast, God welcomes us to celebrate such amazing grace. Welcome to worship.

### Prayer Before Worship

As we continue through Lent — which means “spring” — prepare our heart -soil, dear Jesus, to sprout with new life and blossom in faith. Amen.

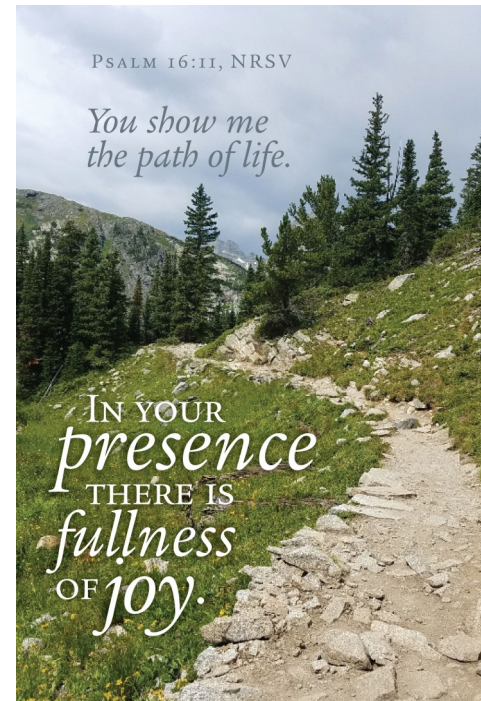
### The Altar Flowers

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Jan Kowalczyk in memory of her brother, Richard Koske.

### Eternal Light

The Eternal Light is lit in memory of Mary, George, and Barbara by Deborah Moro.

## Theme: “The Waiting Father”



The Christian life is not without its trials and troubles. Some of them are caused by the fact that we belong to the Lord in a world still unfriendly to His purpose. Yet the Christian life is not without joy. This joy proceeds not from an easy life or a life that fulfills all our wants and desires but rather flows from Christ, from His work of reconciliation, for His forgiveness of all our sins, and from our reconciliation with the Father. Hearing this Gospel every Sunday is meant in part to rescue our hearts from anxiety and despair and restore to us the joy of our salvation. Today we pray that we not only recall this cause for joy but preserve this joy no matter what twists and turns life brings us.

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### Our Worship to The Lord

#### Saturday Service – 5:00 PM

- Liturgy: Insert, Holy Baptism
- Hymns: #593 See This Wonder in the Making
- #423 Jesus, Refuge of the Weary
- #543 What Wondrous Love Is This

#### Sunday Service - 10:30 AM

- Liturgy: Page 203, Holy Communion
- Hymns: #423 Jesus, Refuge of the Weary
- #543 What Wondrous Love Is This