

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

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The First Sunday in Lent

February 20 & 21, 2021

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Welcome

Greetings, in the name of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit on this first Sunday in Lent. Let us walk with Jesus and one another these sacred 40 days.

Prayer Before Worship

Quiet the hearts of all who worship here, that we may focus on You, O Sacred One, and bask in Your love. Amen

The Altar Flowers

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Marjorie O'Neill in memory of Ruth Hoagland and Timothy Flannagan, mother and son, two dear friends on the anniversary of their passing.

The Eternal Light

The Eternal Light is lit this week by Marjorie O'Neill in memory of family, friends and colleagues and all other victims of Covid 19.

Theme: "Lead Us Not into Temptation"



During the season of Lent we are called to recognize and resist temptation in our lives. Temptation comes in many forms—things, people, ideas, behaviors, and more. An important distinction needs to be made between testing and tempting. God tested Abraham in today's Old Testament Reading, and He did not let Abraham sacrifice Isaac. Instead, He provided a substitute: a ram. God may test us at times, but He never tempts us toward evil. James says, "Let no one say when he is tempted, 'I am being

tempted by God,' for God cannot be tempted with evil, and He Himself tempts no one." Mark reminds us that Jesus was tempted in every way as we are, and yet was without sin. His life is the sacrifice foreshadowed by the ram provided in place of Isaac. By His death for us, Jesus empowers us to resist temptation in all of its forms.

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OUR WORSHIP TO THE LORD

We are now encouraging people to worship with us in our Sanctuary which is large enough to accommodate us while maintaining a social distance.

Saturday at 5:00 P.M. Holy Communion

Liturgy & Hymns: Insert

Sunday at 10:30 A.M. Holy Communion

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