

**SHADOWS OF  
THE CROSS  
4th SUNDAY LENT  
March 14, 2021**



“The LORD said to Moses, ‘Make a snake and put it up on a pole; anyone who is bitten, can look at it and live.’”

Numbers 21:8

ZION EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH, MONROE, MI

(Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)

IN JESUS' NAME WE WELCOME YOU!

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 14, 2021

**WELCOME TO ZION.** It is our hope and prayer that the message you hear today from God's Word will strengthen your faith and fill your heart with the peace only God can give and the joy we have in believing that JESUS CHRIST is our Savior from sin.

**Liturgy: Service of the Word**

*CW pg. 38*

**OPENING HYMN:** *CW 108*

**"Jesus, Refuge of the Weary"**

LENT

108

**Jesus, Refuge of the Weary**



1 Je - sus, Ref - uge of the wea - ry, Blest Re - deem - er,  
2 Dare we pass that cross un - heed - ing, Breath - ing no re -  
3 Je - sus, may our hearts be burn - ing, With more fer - vent



whom we love, Foun - tain in life's des - ert drea - ry,  
pent - ant vow, As we see you wound - ed, bleed - ing,  
love for you! May our eyes be ev - er turn - ing



Sav - ior from the world a - bove, Oh, how oft your  
See your thorn - en - cir - cled brow? Since your sin - less  
To be - hold your cross a - new, Till in glo - ry,



eyes, of - fend - ed, Gaze up - on a sin - ner's fall! Yet, up -  
death has brought us Life e - ter - nal, peace, and rest, On - ly  
part - ed nev - er From the bless - ed Sav - ior's side, Grav - en



on the cross ex - tend - ed, You en - dured the pain of all.  
what your grace has taught us Calms the sin - ner's deep dis - tress.  
in our hearts for - ev - er, Dwell the cross, the Cru - ci - fied!

Text: Girolamo Savonarola, 1452-98; tr. Jane F. Wilde, 1826-96, alt.

Tune: O DU LIEBE MEINER LIEBE (87 87 D) *Erbaulicher Musicalischer Christen-Schatz*, Basel, 1745, alt.

P: The grace of our Lord (✠) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

### CONFESSION OF SINS

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: **Amen.**

### PRAYER AND PRAISE

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are  
they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -  
ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -  
ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -  
ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.  
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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

*The minister says the Prayer of the Day.*

Lord God, before the suffering and death of your one and only Son, you revealed his glory on the holy mountain. Grant that we who bear his cross on earth may behold by faith the light of his heavenly glory and so be changed into his likeness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



### Passion History Lesson 4

Pastor: As soon as it was day, the council of the elders of the people met together, both chief priests and experts in the law.

**Congregation: They brought Jesus into their Sanhedrin and said, “If you are the Christ, tell us.”**

**Men: But he said to them, “If I tell you, you will not believe, and if I ask you, you will not answer me or release me. But from now on, the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God.”<sup>1</sup>**

**C: They all said, “Are you then the Son of God?”**

P: He said to them, “I am what you are saying.”

**Men: Then they said, “Why do we need any more testimony? For we ourselves have heard it from his own mouth!”**

**Women: Then the chief priests with the elders and experts in the law, together with the whole Sanhedrin, reached a decision.**

**Men: They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pontius Pilate, the governor.<sup>2</sup>**

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<sup>1</sup> Psalm 110:1

<sup>2</sup> Luke 22:66-23:1; Mark 15:1; Matthew 27:2

P: Then when Judas, who had betrayed him, saw that Jesus was condemned, he felt remorse. He brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders and said, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood."

**C: But they said, "What is that to us? That's your problem."**

**WOMEN: He threw the pieces of silver into the temple and left. Then he went out and hanged himself.**

P: The chief priests took the pieces of silver and said, "It is not lawful to put these into the treasury, since it is blood money."

**Men: They reached a decision to buy the potter's field with the money, as a burial place for foreigners.**

**Women: So that field has been called The Field of Blood to this day. Then what was spoken through Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled:**

**Men: They took the thirty pieces of silver, the price the sons of Israel had set for him, and they gave them for the potter's field, just as the Lord commanded me.<sup>3</sup>**

P: Early in the morning, the Jews led Jesus from Caiaphas to the Praetorium. They did not enter the Praetorium themselves, so that they would not become ceremonially unclean. (They wanted to be able to eat the Passover meal.) So Pilate went out to them and said, "What charge do you bring against this man?"

**Women: They answered him, "If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you."**

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<sup>3</sup> Matthew 27:3-10; see Zechariah 11:12-13; Jeremiah 19:1-13; 32:6-9



O LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger\*  
or discipline me in your wrath.

For your arrows have pierced me,\*  
and your hand has come down upon me.

My guilt has overwhelmed me\*  
like a burden too heavy to bear.

*Refrain*

All my longings lie open before you, O LORD;\*  
my sighing is not hidden from you.

I wait for you, O LORD;\*  
you will answer, O Lord my God.

Come quickly to help me,\*  
O Lord my Savior.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son\*  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

*Refrain*

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## Passion History Lesson 4 (cont.)

Pastor: Pilate told them, “Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law.”

**Congregation:** The Jews said, “It’s not legal for us to put anyone to death.” This happened so that the statement Jesus had spoken indicating what kind of death he was going to die would be fulfilled.<sup>4</sup>

**Men:** They began to accuse him, saying, “We found this fellow misleading our nation, forbidding the payment of taxes to Caesar, and saying that he himself is Christ, a king.”

**Women:** Pilate asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?”

P: “It is as you say,” Jesus replied.<sup>5</sup>

**C:** The chief priests accused him of many things. When he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he answered nothing.

**Men:** Pilate questioned him again, “Are you not going to answer anything? See how many charges they are bringing against you!”

**Women:** But Jesus still did not answer anything, so Pilate was amazed.

**C:** Pilate went back into the Praetorium and summoned Jesus. He asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?”

P: Jesus answered, “Are you saying this on your own, or did others tell you about me?”

**C:** Pilate answered, “Am I a Jew? Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?”

P: Jesus replied, “My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would fight so that I would not be handed over to the Jews. But now my kingdom is not from here.”

**Men:** “You are a king then?” Pilate asked.

P: Jesus answered, “I am, as you say, a king. For this reason I was born, and for this reason I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

**Men:** “What is truth?” Pilate said to him.

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<sup>4</sup> John 18:28-32

<sup>5</sup> Luke 23:2-3

**C: After he said this, he went out again to the Jews and told them, “I find no basis for a charge against him.”<sup>6</sup>**

**Women: But they kept insisting, “He stirs up the people, teaching all through Judea, beginning from Galilee all the way here.”**

P: When Pilate heard this, he asked if the man was a Galilean. When he learned that he was under Herod’s jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem during those days.

**Women: When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad. For a long time he had wanted to see him, because he had heard many things about him.**

**Men: He hoped to see some miracle performed by him. He questioned him with many words, but Jesus gave him no answer.**

**C: The chief priests and the experts in the law stood there, vehemently accusing him.**

**Women: Herod, along with his soldiers, treated him with contempt and ridiculed him. Dressing him in bright clothing, Herod sent Jesus back to Pilate.**

P: Herod and Pilate became friends with each other on that day. Before this they had been enemies of each other.<sup>7</sup>

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<sup>6</sup> Matthew 27:11-14; Mark 15:1-5; Luke 23:1-4; John 18:28-38

<sup>7</sup> Luke 23:4-12

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

HYMN OF THE DAY: *CW 125*

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

LENT

125

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross  
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast  
 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet,  
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine,

On which the Prince of glo - ry died,  
 Save in the death of Christ, my God,  
 Sor - row and love flow min - gled down,  
 That were a trib - ute far too small;

My rich - est gain I count but loss  
 All the vain things that charm me most,  
 Did e'er such love and sor - row meet  
 Love so a - maz - ing, so di - vine,

And pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
 I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.  
 Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
 De - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, abr., alt.  
 Tune: HAMBURG (LM) Lowell Mason, 1792–1872.

<sup>4</sup>They set out from Mount Hor along the road to the Red Sea to go around the land of Edom, but the people became very impatient along the way. <sup>5</sup>The people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? Look, there is no food! There is no water! And we are disgusted by this worthless food!” <sup>6</sup>The LORD sent venomous snakes among the people, and the snakes bit the people. As a result many people from Israel died. <sup>7</sup>The people went to Moses and said, “We have sinned, because we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD to take the snakes away from us.” So Moses prayed on behalf of the people. <sup>8</sup>The LORD said to Moses, “Make a venomous snake and put it on a pole. If anyone who is bitten looks at it, he will live.” <sup>9</sup>Moses made a bronze snake and put it on the pole. If a snake had bitten anyone, if that person looked at the bronze snake, he lived. (EHV)

## **LOOK UP AND LIVE!**

### **APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.**

**From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Heavenly Father, you loved the world and gave your Son to liberate us from sin and death by his obedient death on the cross.

**Congregation: We confess that without your love we are lost.**

P: Lord of the Church, we thank you for the treasure of the gospel. By your Spirit, keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.

**C: Strengthen our determination to do what pleases you, no matter what the danger or the cost.**

P: Let us pray for those who carry a cross in the name of Christ and face ridicule and persecution for the sake of the kingdom: missionaries and chaplains, young people who stand up for what is right in the face of pressure to do what is wrong, and all who pay a high price for their faith and their values as Christians.

**C: By your Spirit, O Lord, grant them patience and endurance.**

P: Let us pray for those who carry heavy burdens in life: the sick and the chronically ill, the depressed and the lonely, those torn by conflict in personal relationships, those victimized by war and injustice, and all who face the terrors of life with a heavy heart.

**C: Grant them peace, O Lord, and in your mercy, be their guardian and friend, their comfort and hope.**

P: Let us pray for those who care for others: pastors and counselors; physicians and nurses; social workers and caring friends; all who feed the hungry, comfort the hurting, and stand beside the dying.

**C: Strengthen them in their work, O Lord, and do not let them become weary in doing good.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

P: Help us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Keep us faithful even to the point of death, that we may receive the crown of life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

LENT

**112**      **There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood**

1 There is a fountain filled with blood— Im -  
 2 The dy - ing thief re - joiced to see That  
 3 Dear dy - ing Lamb, your pre - cious blood Shall  
 4 E'er since by faith I saw the stream Your  
 5 When this poor lisp - ing, stam - m'ring tongue Lies

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 till I die, And shall be till I die.  
 pow'r to save, I'll sing your pow'r to save.

Text: William Cowper, 1731–1800, abr., alt.  
 Tune: COWPER (CM) Lowell Mason, 1792–1872.

**BENEDICTION**

P: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (✠) give you peace.



CLOSING HYMN: CW 112 (v. 5)

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**SUNDAY LENTEN ROTATION:** Pastor Fager and Pastor Ulrich will be in a rotation between St. Paul, Monroe and Zion, Monroe for the Sundays in Lent this year. The Lenten theme for Sundays is “SHADOWS OF THE CROSS.”

**WORSHIP FOR MARCH:** Zion Elders and Council have decided at this time that with still being in Phase 4 of COVID-19 we are going to maintain the current worship schedule. So there will be no Sunday School, Adult Bible Class or Youth Group. **Wednesday worship at 7:00 p.m., Sunday worship at 8:30 & 10:30 a.m., and Tuesday, March 9th @ 1:30 p.m.** We will review the schedule each month and let you know if/when it changes. Council reviewed it on Feb. 18 for March. The Worship schedule will be reviewed again on March 18 for April. Thank you for your patience.

**CALL NEWS:**

✝ Zion has called Pastor Kurt Schaser of St. John’s, Newburg, WI to be our associate pastor. Zion called him on Sunday, Feb. 21. Please keep Pastor Schaser in your prayers. We are confident that God will lead him to know where he needs to serve.

✝ Zion’s 3-5th grade teacher, Kurt Nielsen has accepted a divine call to teach upper grades @ Mt. Olive L. C., Appleton, WI. Please keep Kurt and his family in your prayers. He will finish out the school year and likely be moving in June. SOLI DEO GLORIA.

**ZION AUCTION:** Zion’s Christian Education Association (CEA) is planning on having their auction **OUTSIDE** on April 18th. There will be much more information and details in the coming weeks. This auction is to help raise money to support the many different school activities and projects throughout the year. The auction in the past has been every other year but due to Covid restrictions was cancelled last year. This year we plan on having a scaled down version so to meet all the Covid restrictions so mark your calendars to come and have a good time.

COMING UP AT ZION ....

Sunday 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. 4th Lent Worship Service  
 6-8:00 p.m. BIC #3

Wednesday 7:00 p.m. 5th Midweek Lent Worship Service (IC)

Thursday 7:00 p.m. Church Council

Next Sunday 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. 5th Lent Worship Service (IC)  
 6-8:00 p.m. BIC #4

**MARCH VOLUNTEERS**

	March 3 & 7	March 10 & 14	March 17 & 21	March 24 & 28
<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>		Liz	Seibert	
<b>USHERS</b>	<p><u>Mar. 3</u>                      Rob Krueger                      Ralph Naveaux</p> <p><u>Mar. 7</u>                      8:30 a.m.                      Rob Krueger                      Ralph Naveaux</p> <p><u>10:30 a.m.</u>                      Alan Bober                      Jeremy Robinson                      Jacob Robinson                      William Robinson</p>	<p><u>Mar. 10</u>                      Ray Chandonnet                      Erich Freiny                      Bob Trowbridge                      Dave McKenzie</p> <p><u>Mar. 14</u>                      8:30 a.m.                      Ray Chandonnet                      Erich Freiny                      Bob Trowbridge                      Dave McKenzie</p> <p><u>10:30 a.m.</u>                      Rich Heusman                      Jeff Heusman                      Klaus Koenig                      Juergan Koenig                      Matt McCormick</p>	<p><u>Mar. 17</u>                      Tony Affholter                      Dan Fuerstenberg                      Mark Fuerstenberg                      Tim Fuerstenberg</p> <p><u>Mar. 21</u>                      8:30 a.m.                      Tony Affholter                      Dan Fuerstenberg                      Mark Fuerstenberg                      Tim Fuerstenberg</p> <p><u>10:30 a.m.</u>                      Joe Koch                      Joe Schmeling                      Dave Bengé                      Aaron Bengé</p>	<p><u>Mar. 24</u>                      Joe Koch                      Joe Schmeling                      Dave Bengé                      Aaron Bengé</p> <p><u>Mar. 28</u>                      8:30 a.m.                      Mark Kipf                      Keith McBee                      David Krueger                      Russ Vitale</p> <p><u>10:30 a.m.</u>                      Alan Bober                      Jeremy Robinson                      Jacob Robinson                      William Robinson</p>