

Zion Lutheran Church | Kulm ND | March 16, 2025

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*Our mission: We gather in faith to worship Jesus as Lord, grow through grace, and share the good news of Jesus Christ*

*Our vision: to be a community of faith who follows Christ, loves one another and ministers to the needs of others*

Today: Spaghetti Dinner fund raiser for the new Ambulance Building at the Community Center.

March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9 : 5:45 pm supper followed by Lenten services at 6:30 pm. A free will offering will be taken to support the Zion Youth Group. Families are encouraged to come eat, worship and pray together as we journey to the cross. This year's theme is "Stepping Stones through Lent". The service will be in the sanctuary with kids involved and will close with people/families praying together during "Prayer Around the Cross".

April 13: Firefighters Knephla Dinner at the Community Center. Volunteers are needed to provide bars/cookies. Thank you.

## Introduction

Though we sometimes doubt and often resist God's desire to protect and save us, our God persists. In holy baptism, God's people have been called and gathered into a God-initiated relationship that will endure. Lent provides the church with a time and a tradition in which to seek God's face again. Lent provides another occasion to behold the God of our salvation in the face of the Blessed One who "comes in the name of the Lord."

## Psalm 27

<sup>1</sup> The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then I shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

<sup>2</sup> **When evildoers close in against me to devour my flesh, they, my foes and my enemies, will stumble and fall.**

<sup>3</sup> Though an army encamp against me, my heart will not fear. Though war rise up against me, my trust will not be shaken.

<sup>4</sup> **One thing I ask of the Lord; one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek God in the temple.**

<sup>5</sup> For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter, hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high upon a rock.

<sup>6</sup> **Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me. Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music to the Lord.**

<sup>7</sup> Hear my voice, O Lord, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me.

<sup>8</sup> **My heart speaks your message- "Seek my face." Your face, O Lord, I will seek.**

<sup>9</sup> Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger. Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation.

<sup>10</sup> **Though my father and my mother forsake me, the Lord will take me in.**

<sup>11</sup> Teach me your way, O Lord; lead me on a level path, because of my oppressors.

<sup>12</sup> **Subject me not to the will of my foes, for they rise up against me, false witnesses breathing violence.**

<sup>13</sup> This I believe—that I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living!

<sup>14</sup> **Wait for the Lord and be strong. Take heart and wait for the Lord!**