Prayers of Intercession Lord's Prayer

Gifts and Offering THANK YOU FOR YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT OF THIS YOUR CONGREGATION'S MINISTRIES. GOD BLESS YOU.

Offering hymn: "807 vs 1 "Come Thou Fount"

BLESSING AND SENDING

Blessing

Sending Hymn ELW 618 Dismissal

"Guide Me, Ever Great Redeemer

Postlude

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Welcome to Worship at Zion Lutheran Church Kulm, ND March 23, 2025 | 9:00 AM Worship | Wednesday 6:30 SWAG Pastor Linda J Schauer Mary Jo Kinzler, SAM



Prelude and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. Amen. Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

Compassionate One,

you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth.Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross. Amen.

P: Beloved in Christ, God's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home. In + Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God's house forever. Amen.

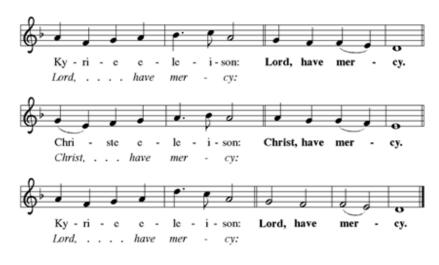
Gathering Song

ELW 756"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"Greetingp. 138

P: The love of God poured into our hearts, the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and the abundant life of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Lenten Kyrie



Prayer of the Day

Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Readings and Psalm

<u>Isaiah 55:1-9</u> Everyone who thirsts, come to the water; seek the Lord

<u>Psalm 63:1-8</u> O God, eagerly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you. *(Ps. 63:1)*

<u>1 Corinthians 10:1-13</u> Israel, baptized in cloud and seas, ate the same spiritual food as Christians

Gospel Acclamation

L: Return to the Lord, your God, who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. (Joel 2:13)

(All): We are turning, Lord, to hear you; you are merciful and kind-slow to anger, rich in blessing, and with love to us inclined.

Luke 13:1-9

Unless you repent, you will perish: parable of the fig tree First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-9

Sermon

Hymn o	f the Day	
ELW	624	

"Jesus, Still Lead On"

Creed — Apostle's Creed

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

[*Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.]