

# The Fourth Sunday in Lent

*Laetare*

March 22, 2020

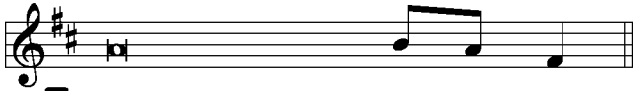
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## Opening Versicles

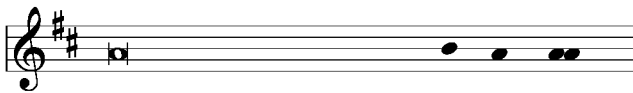
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**L** O Lord, o - pen my lips,



**C** and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



**L** Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.



**C** Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.



*Lent:* Praise to You, O Christ. Lamb of our sal - va - tion.

## Psalmody

### Antiphon



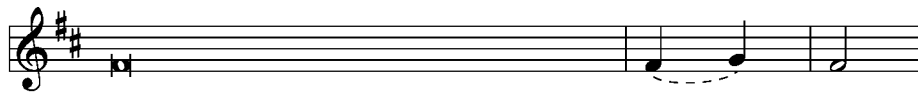
**L** Blessed be God, the Fa - ther, the Son, and the Ho - ly Spir - it.



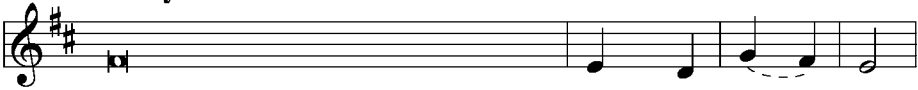
**C** O come, let us wor - ship Him.

# Venite

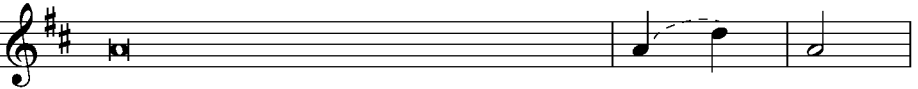
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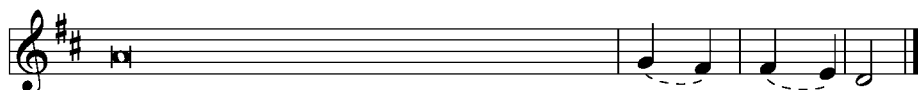
- C** 1 O come, let us sing . . . . . to the Lord,  
 2 For the Lord is a . . . . . great God,  
 3 The sea is His, for He . . . . . made it,  
 5 Glory be to the Father and . . . . . to the Son



- 1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.  
 2 and a great . . . . . king a - bove all gods.  
 3 and His hand . . . . . formed the dry land.  
 5 and to the . . . . . Ho - ly Spir - it;



- 1 Let us come into His presence with thanks - giv - ing,  
 2 The deep places of the earth are . . . . . in His hand;  
 3 O come, let us worship and . . . . . bow down,  
 4 For He . . . . . is our God,  
 5 as it was in the be - gin - ning,



- 1 let us make a joyful noise to . . . . . Him with songs of praise.  
 2 the strength of the hills is . . . . . His al - so.  
 3 let us kneel before the . . . . . Lord, our mak - er.  
 4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.  
 5 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

# Antiphon

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- L** Blessed be God, the Fa-ther, the Son, and the Ho-ly Spir-it.



- C** O come, let us wor-ship Him.

# Psalms

Psalm 132:8–18 (antiphon: v.13)



<sup>13</sup>For the LORD has chosen | Zion;\*  
 he has desired it for his | dwelling place:

<sup>8</sup>Arise, O LORD, and go to your | resting place,\*  
 you and the ark | of your might.

<sup>9</sup>Let your priests be clothed with | righteousness,\*  
 and let your saints | shout for joy.

<sup>10</sup>For the sake of your servant | David,\*  
 do not turn away the face of your a- | noointed one.

<sup>11</sup>The LORD swore to David a sure oath  
from which he will | not turn back:\*

“One of the sons of your body  
I will set | on your throne.

<sup>12</sup>**If your sons keep my covenant  
and my testimonies that I shall | teach them,\*  
their sons also forever  
shall sit | on your throne.”**

<sup>13</sup>For the LORD has chosen | Zion;\*  
he has desired it for his | dwelling place:

<sup>14</sup>**“This is my resting place for- | ever;\*  
here I will dwell, for I have de- | sired it.**

<sup>15</sup>I will abundantly bless her pro- | visions;\*  
I will satisfy her | poor with bread.

<sup>16</sup>**Her priests I will clothe with sal- | vation,\*  
and her saints will | shout for joy.**

<sup>17</sup>There I will make a horn to sprout for | David;\*  
I have prepared a lamp for my a- | noointed.

<sup>18</sup>**His enemies I will | clothe with shame,\*  
but on him his | crown will shine.”**

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

<sup>13</sup>For the LORD has chosen | Zion;\*  
he has desired it for his | dwelling place:

*Sit*

## Hymn of the Day

### In God, My Faithful God

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1 In God, my faith - ful God, I trust when dark my road;  
2 My sins fill me with care, Yet I will not de - spair.  
3 If death my por - tion be, It brings great gain to me;  
4 O Je - sus Christ, my Lord, So meek in deed and word,



Great woes may o - ver-take me, Yet He will not for - sake me.  
I build on Christ, who loves me; From this rock noth - ing moves me.  
It speeds my life's en - deav - or To live with Christ for - ev - er.  
You suf - fered death to save us Re - cause Your love would have us



My trou-bles He can al - ter; His hand lets noth-ing fal - ter.  
To Him I will sur - ren - der, To Him, my soul's de-fend - er.  
He gives me joy in sor - row, Come death now or to-mor - row.  
Be heirs of heav'n-ly glad - ness When ends this life of sad - ness.

5 “So be it,” then, I say  
With all my heart each day.  
Dear Lord, we all adore You,  
We sing for joy before You.  
Guide us while here we wander  
Until we praise You yonder.

## Readings

### Old Testament Reading

*Exodus 16:2–21*

<sup>2</sup>And the whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, <sup>3</sup>and the people of Israel said to them, “Would that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the meat pots and ate bread to the full, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

<sup>4</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses, “Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day’s portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not.

<sup>5</sup>On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily.” <sup>6</sup>So Moses and Aaron said to all the people of Israel, “At evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, <sup>7</sup>and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your grumbling against the LORD. For what are we, that you grumble against us?” <sup>8</sup>And Moses said, “When the LORD gives you in the evening meat to eat and in the morning bread to the full, because the LORD has heard your grumbling that you grumble against him—what are we? Your grumbling is not against us but against the LORD.”

<sup>9</sup>Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, ‘Come near before the LORD, for he has heard your grumbling.’” <sup>10</sup>And as soon as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud.

<sup>11</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, <sup>12</sup>“I have heard the grumbling of the people of Israel. Say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. Then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’”

<sup>13</sup>In the evening quail came up and covered the camp, and in the morning dew lay around the camp. <sup>14</sup>And when the dew had gone up, there was on the face of the wilderness a fine, flake-like thing, fine as frost on the ground. <sup>15</sup>When the people of Israel saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat. <sup>16</sup>This is what the LORD has commanded: ‘Gather of it, each one of you, as much as he can eat. You shall each take an omer, according to the number of the persons that each of you has in his tent.’” <sup>17</sup>And the people of Israel did so. They gathered, some more, some less. <sup>18</sup>But when they measured it with an omer, whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack. Each of them gathered as much as he could eat.

<sup>19</sup>And Moses said to them, “Let no one leave any of it over till the morning.” <sup>20</sup>But they did not listen to Moses. Some left part of it till the morning, and it bred worms and stank. And Moses was angry with them.

<sup>21</sup>Morning by morning they gathered it, each as much as he could eat; but when the sun grew hot, it melted.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Epistle

*Galatians 4:21–31*

<sup>21</sup>Tell me, you who desire to be under the law, do you not listen to the law? <sup>22</sup>For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by a slave woman and one by a free woman. <sup>23</sup>But the son of the slave was born according to the flesh, while the son of the free woman was born through promise. <sup>24</sup>Now this may be interpreted allegorically: these women are two covenants. One is from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery; she is

“Rejoice, O barren one who does not bear;  
break forth and cry aloud, you who are not in labor!  
For the children of the desolate one will be more  
than those of the one who has a husband.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

## Holy Gospel

<sup>1</sup>After this Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. <sup>2</sup>And a large crowd was following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing on the sick. <sup>3</sup>Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. <sup>4</sup>Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand. <sup>5</sup>Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?” <sup>6</sup>He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do. <sup>7</sup>Philip answered him, “Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.” <sup>8</sup>One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, <sup>9</sup>“There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?” <sup>10</sup>Jesus said, “Have the people sit down.” Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number. <sup>11</sup>Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted. <sup>12</sup>And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, “Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost.” <sup>13</sup>So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten. <sup>14</sup>When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, “This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!”

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

## Responsory (Lent)

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**L** 1 We have an advocate with the Fa-ther; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.  
2 Blessed is he whose  
transgression is for - giv - en and whose sin is put a - way.  
3 We have an advocate with the Fa-ther; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.

*Refrain*



The Refrain is written on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It begins with a half note G4 (G4), followed by a quarter note A4 (A4), a quarter note B4 (B4), and a quarter note A4 (A4). This is followed by a bar line, then a half note G4 (G4), a quarter note A4 (A4), a quarter note B4 (B4), and a quarter note A4 (A4). The piece ends with a double bar line.

**C** He was delivered up to death; He was delivered  
for the sins of the peo-ple.

## Prayer

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- ☐ On my heart imprint your image,  
Blessed Jesus, king of grace,  
That life's riches, cares, and pleasures  
Never may your work erase;  
Let the clear inscription be:  
Jesus, crucified for me,  
Is my life, my hope's foundation,  
And my glory and salvation!

## Sermon

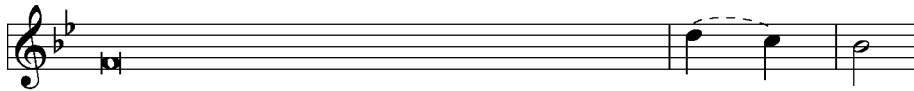
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## Canticle

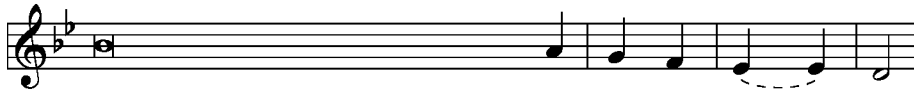
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### Te Deum

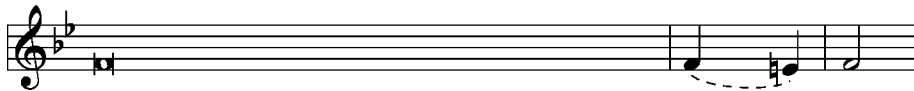
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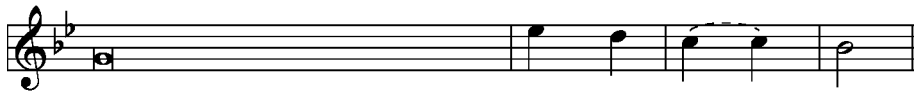
- ☐ 1 We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.  
2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of . . . . . Sab - a - oth;  
3 The noble army of martyrs . . . . . praise — You.



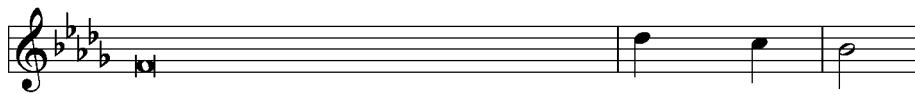
- 1 All the earth now worships You, the Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing.  
2 heaven and earth are full of the majes - ty of Your glo - ry.  
3 The holy Church throughout all the world does ac - knowl-edge You:



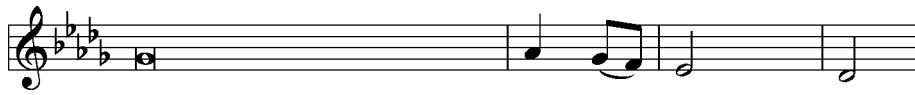
- 1 To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs there-in.  
2 The glorious company of the apostles . . . . . praise — You.  
3 The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and on - ly Son;  
4 You are the king of glory, . . . . . O — Christ;



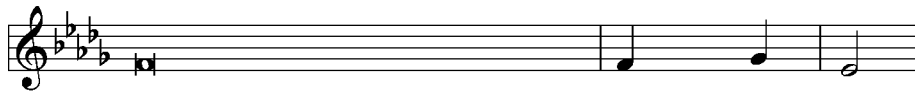
- 1 To You cherubim and seraphim con - tin - ual - ly do cry:  
2 The goodly fellowship of the . . . . . proph-ets praise — You.  
3 also the Holy . . . . . Ghost, the Com-fort - er.  
4 You are the everlasting Son . . . . . of the Fa - ther.



5 When You took upon Yourself to de - liv - er man,  
6 You sit at the right . . . . . hand of God



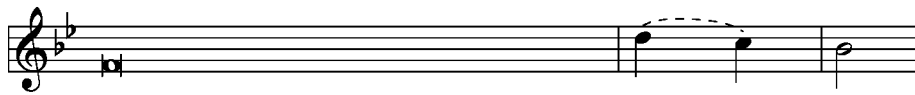
5 You humbled Yourself to be born of a vir - gin.  
6 in the glory . . . . . of the Fa - ther.



5 When You had overcome the . . . . . sharpness of death,  
6 We believe that . . . . . You will come



5 You opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.  
6 to . . . . . be our judge.



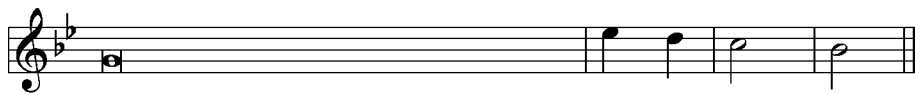
7 We therefore pray You to help Your . . . . . ser - vants,  
8 O Lord, save Your people and bless Your . . . her - i - tage.  
9 Grant, O Lord, to keep us this day with - out sin.



7 whom You have redeem - ed with Your pre - cious blood.  
8 Govern them and lift . . . . . them up for - ev - er.  
9 O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy up - on us.



7 Make them to be numbered . . . . . with Your saints  
8 Day by day we . . . . . magni - fy You.  
9 O Lord, let Your mercy be upon us, as our trust is in You.



7 in glory . . . . . ev - er - last - ing.  
8 And we worship Your name for - ever and ev - er.  
9 O Lord, in You have I trusted: let me never be con - found - ed.

## Prayer

### Kyrie

LSB 227



☐ Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

### Lord's Prayer

☐ 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.

## Salutation



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with your spir - it.

## Collect of the Day

**P** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

## Collect for Grace

**P** O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

## Benedicamus

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**L** Let us bless the Lord



**C** Thanks be to God.

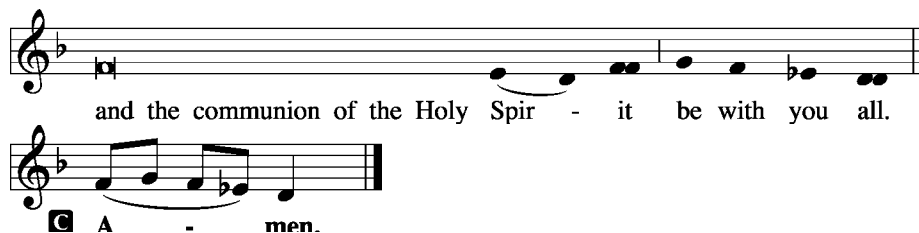
## Benediction

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**P** The grace of our Lord Je - sus Christ and the love of God





and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.

**A** - men.

## Closing Hymn

### A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth

LSB 438



1 A Lamb goes un - com - plain - ing forth, The  
 2 This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great friend, The  
 3 "Yes, Fa - ther, yes, most will - ing - ly I'll  
 4 Lord, when Your glo - ry I shall see And

guilt of sin - ners bear - ing And, lad - en with the  
 Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, Whom God the Fa - ther  
 bear what You com - mand Me. My will con - forms to  
 taste Your king - dom's plea - sure, Your blood my roy - al

sins of earth, None else the bur - den shar - ing; Goes  
 chose to send To gain for us His fa - vor. "Go  
 Your de - cree, I'll do what You have asked Me." O  
 robe shall be, My joy be - yond all mea - sure! When

pa - tient on, grows weak and faint, To slaugh - ter led with -  
 forth, My Son," the Fa - ther said, "And free My chil - dren  
 won - drous Love, what have You done! The Fa - ther of - fers  
 I ap - pear be - fore Your throne, Your righ - teous - ness shall

out com - plaint, That spot - less life to of - fer, He bears the  
 from their dread Of guilt and con - dem - na - tion. The wrath and  
 up His Son, De - sir - ing our sal - va - tion. O Love, how  
 be my crown; With these I need not hide me. And there, in

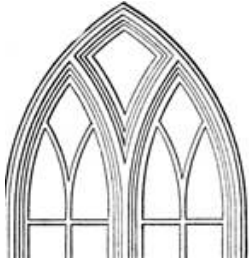
stripes, the wounds, the lies, The mock - er - y, and  
 stripes are hard to bear, But by Your pas - sion  
 strong You are to save! You lay the One in -  
 gar - ments rich - ly wrought, As Your own bride shall

yet re - plies, "All this I glad - ly suf - fer."  
 they will share The fruit of Your sal - va - tion."  
 to the grave Who built the earth's foun - da - tion.  
 we be brought To stand in joy be - side You.

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Today is the fourth Sunday in Lent, or Laetare Sunday. This is our little break in Lent, a time in which we rejoice in the gifts of Jesus. Laetare is Latin meaning, “Rejoice.” In what do we rejoice? Well, as baptized children of God we rejoice in the forgiveness of our sins, because it means that we are saved in Christ from death and the devil and now destined for heaven. In our Gospel lesson we meditate on the feeding of the five thousand, and this helps us see that the reception of the means of grace, for our forgiveness, is like a little oasis in our life of struggle with sin, death, world, and the devil. That’s what today is all about. Today is a day to rejoice in the Gospel proclaimed and the reception of the blessed sacrament. Let us rejoice while here in this little oasis, this time set aside for God to work in us and for us for our salvation. May the Holy Spirit be granted to us anew this day, that we may continue to have joy in Jesus, joy that lasts in this life and into the one to come. Amen.

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## *News and Announcements*

**Remember: all in-person services, activities, and events are suspended indefinitely.** The ECC is also closed until at least April 1. Sunday morning Matins services will be livestreamed each week via our YouTube channel. Pastor Hull and Pastor Daniels will be making appointments to either meet small groups at church for communion, or bring it to your home.

### **How to Tithe**

As we all continue to adapt to this "new normal" way of life at home, it is important to remember that God graciously provides all that we have – physical things that support us in this life on earth and, most importantly, everlasting life in heaven. And of course, God does this for us not because of our own merit, but for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Throughout these hard times, Zion Lutheran will continue to provide works of mercy to our brothers and sisters in Christ. And of course, the church continues to have its normal monthly bills to pay. Please continue to give of your gifts as you are able, and most importantly to pray for our pastors, our leadership, and all Zion's flock.

Below are some ways that Zion can continue to receive your tithes even when we cannot gather together.

### **Automatic Weekly Tithes:**

1. **Simply Giving:** To sign up for Simply Giving, which allows you to have your weekly offering automatically transferred from your account, please contact Jaime Lewis at [jameslewis1975@hotmail.com](mailto:jameslewis1975@hotmail.com).

### **3 Ways to Tithe From Home Every Week:**

1. **Thrivent Simply Giving:** [Thrivent Simply Giving:](https://service.thrivent.com/apps/ThriventChoiceMemberWeb/public/organizationSearchHome) Go to: <https://service.thrivent.com/apps/ThriventChoiceMemberWeb/public/organizationSearchHome>
  - Search “Zion Lutheran Tomball Texas” in the keyword search box
  - Zion Lutheran Church will be the first result that shows up.
  - Click the link “Zion Lutheran Church”

- Click the link “Make a Personal Donation” a popup will warn you that you are leaving Thrivent and going to another website. This is OK.
  - Once on the [myvanco.vancopayments.com](http://myvanco.vancopayments.com) website, enter the mandatory information (indicated by a \*).
  - You have the option of paying with a checking account, savings account, or a credit/debit card. There are no transactional fees. All fees are covered by Thrivent and Zion Lutheran receives 100% of your tithe.
  - PLEASE NOTE - this tithe through Simply Giving must be repeated every time you want to contribute offering. Please contact Jamie Lewis to enroll in automatic weekly tithes.
2. **PayPal:** you can use your PayPal account to transfer funds via a checking or savings account.
    - Zion Lutheran’s PayPal account is [zion@ziontomballtx.org](mailto:zion@ziontomballtx.org).
  3. **Mail a check**
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