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Second Sunday in Lent
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Jesus Rescues Us from Death and Brings Us into Heaven

The prophet Jeremiah faithfully preached “all that the LORD had commanded him to speak to all the people” (Jer. 26:8). He called the people to repentance, lest the Lord’s judgment come upon them. The violence that Jeremiah suffered for this preaching foreshadowed the cross and Passion of Christ Jesus, who suffered the judgment of God for the redemption of all people. For Jesus “comes in the name of the Lord” (Luke 13:35) in order to lay down His life for the sins of the world. Earthly Jerusalem was blind to His gracious visitation, and it put Him to death like the prophets before Him. Yet, His sacrifice upon the cross became the cornerstone of the new Jerusalem, His Church. He visits us today in mercy with His preaching of forgiveness, to gather us to Himself within that holy city, “as a hen gathers her brood under her wings” (Luke 13:34), for “our citizenship is in heaven” (Phil. 3:20).

The Lord’s Supper is offered today at Zion. Communicant members and members of our sister (LCMS) congregations are invited to commune at this altar. Please speak to our pastor if you have any questions about our communion practice. We would love to discuss the doctrine of the Lord’s Supper and joy of Christian fellowship. Please know the gifts of Jesus were given for you—but the proper spiritual preparation for communion is commanded by the Word of God (1 Cor 11:23-29). Those who do not yet commune here may come forward for a blessing (simply fold your arms over your heart to receive a Baptismal blessing) or you may remain in the pew during communion to join us in song and praise. There are no “offering” plates passed during the service. Rather, offering plates are set at the front pew. **You are invited to leave an offering of thanks to Christ on your way to communion** or any time during the first part of the service.

A PRAYER UPON ENTERING THE LORD’S HOUSE

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

DIVINE SERVICE Setting One

HYMN OF INVOCATION: “Rise, Shine, You People” LSB #825

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INTROIT

Psalm 4

¹*Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness!*

You have given me relief when I was in distress.

Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!

²*O men, how long shall my honor be turned into shame?*

How long will you love vain words and seek after lies?

³*But know that the Lord has set apart the godly for himself;*

the Lord hears when I call to him.

⁴*Be angry, and do not sin;*

ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be silent.

⁵*Offer right sacrifices,*

and put your trust in the Lord.

⁶*There are many who say, “Who will show us some good?”*

Lift up the light of your face upon us, O Lord!”

⁷*You have put more joy in my heart*

than they have when their grain and wine abound.

⁸*In peace I will both lie down and sleep;*

for you alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety.

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.

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O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Jeremiah 26:8-15

CHOIR: “Our Hope Is in Jesus”

EPISTLE READING: Philippians 3:17-4:1

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HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 13:31-35

HYMN OF THE DAY: “How Firm a Foundation” *LSB #728*

SERMON: “Watch the Way We Walk!” Philippians 3:17

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DISTRIBUTION: “Thy Body, Given for Me O Savior” *LSB #619*
“In the Cross of Christ I Glory” *LSB #427*

“I’m But a Stranger Here” *LSB #748*

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CLOSING: “Christ Be My Leader” *LSB #861*

Our Lord's Current Business

Welcome to worship as we journey through the season of Lent, seeking to grow in faith, hope and love. Lord, prepare our hearts for worship. Still our souls. Ground us in your grace. Amen.

The Call Committee is planning to meet again March 17. Please watch the bulletin for further information as it becomes available. If you have any questions, please contact a member of the Call Committee: John Schultz, Dan Heike, Jane Reineke, Jeremy Anderson, Joel Lewiston, Matt Mohn, and Laura Nowaskey.

Maple Syrup fundraiser - are you looking for the perfect pancake topper? The Bechel's are working with the youth group to provide syrup for you and a fundraiser for the youth. There will be sheets in the Resource Room for you to pre-order local maple syrup. Please order by/on March 23. Thank you so much for your support! Watch for details about delivery.

Confirmation Corner

There will be no confirmation class on Wednesday, March 19 - Mondovi has its spring break. We ask that you keep all the confirmation students in your prayers as they grow in their knowledge and love of Christ. With the snow day earlier this month, we will look at the 6th and 7th petition and the conclusion to the Lord's Prayer on March 26.

Sunday School - On March 16, 3K - Middle School students will be looking at Zerubbablel's return to Israel. They will see how the Jews were allowed to return to Jerusalem and rebuild the temple. They will also see how the people rejoiced when the temple was completed. (Ezra 1-6)

Sunday Morning Adult Class - We will continue in our series "The Hand of the Lord" this week. In this series we see that all things are the work of the hand of the Lord (Psalm 102:25). The Lord's hand is active in creation, power, control over happenings of the world, judgment, and salvation. The hand of the Lord is both Law and Gospel. Jesus used His hands to save drowning Peter, to feed the multitudes, to touch those who were unclean, to stop a funeral procession in its tracks, to lift up Jairus's daughter, and to bless the children. The hand of the Lord has come to us in Jesus. Join us at 10:30 in the fellowship hall as we explore this topic.

Middle & Senior High Bible Class - Middle & Senior High Bible Class - We meet every Sunday at 10:30. The junior high group is currently walking through the Old Testament to discover the promises of God. The senior high group will use our Lenten series as a basis for their Sunday morning class.

Adult choir - Do you love the more contemplative songs of Lent? How about the joyous Easter time? We cover all that in choir! It's a great time to sing as we rejoice in what Christ has done for us. Instead of giving something up for Lent, consider adding something that may draw you closer to Him. We meet Thursday nights from 6:30-7:30. There is an open space for you!

Senior High Youth - Mark March 30 on your calendar. We are in the process of planning a fun event. This will begin at noon. Watch for more details!

Lenten Devotionals Available - We have available "The Hand of the Lord" Lenten daily devotionals to help you in your personal devotion time this Lent. Please take advantage of this free resource this Lenten season, available in the Resource Room.

Wednesday Lent Series Midweek of Lent 2

Adam and Eve took the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil into their hands after listening to the deception of the crafty serpent. Since that time, the devil has attempted to hold humanity in his clutches like a strong man. No mere human being can escape the thralls of this bondage—that is, until one stronger than the strong man comes, binds him, and plunders his possessions. By the “finger of God” (Luke 11:20), Christ has bound the devil in order to bring us into His loving care. Jesus overcame the devil’s temptation in the desert and cast out demons, and He was faithful to go all the way to the cross to defeat the devil, the world, and our sinful flesh. Though the devil still “prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour,” his days are numbered; thus, we humble ourselves “under the mighty hand of God” that protects His church until Christ’s return (1 Peter 5:6–11).

Lenten Services - Each Wednesday during Lent we offer two services using our Lenten theme. The first service is at 11:00 with a light meal following. The second service is at 7:00 p.m. with a meal served before. We encourage you to join us for this time of worship and fellowship.

Senior High Youth - Plan to join us on Sunday, March 30. We are planning some fun fellowship activities. We will meet at the Lueloff house from 12:00-3:00. Lunch will be provided! We look forward to seeing you there!

Thrivent Choice Dollar-Eligible Thrivent clients can recommend where Thrivent distributes some of its charitable grant funds. These funds are called Choice Dollars and are accessed by signing into your account or contacting your agent. Choice Dollars can be designated after February 1 and during the calendar year and up until March 31 of the following year.

Our Lord’s On-Going Business

Beautiful boxes & individual cards are on display in the Resource Center. Easter cards are also now available. We are offering cards at the usual 50 cents. Monies can be left with our AA Diane or put in the church "bank" on the card shelf or given to Brenda McKissick.

Spring Challenge: Somewhere in the midst of the puzzle shelves are Easter themed puzzles.....just like hunting for Easter eggs, wouldn't you like to find them and enjoy them? There are also some beautiful spring scenery puzzles for a perfect fun activity. 🐣 *hippity hop!*

ZION’S PRAYER LIST:

For those mourning: family of Patty Vollmer, family of Wanda Winsand.

The call process here at Zion for guidance on decisions being God’s Will.

For those seeking healing: Margaret G., Roger & Patti Koenig, Ruth Larson, Lavina Johnson, Ruth Kent, Marvin Meier, Scott Anderson, Jeff Kacures, Mary Rolandt, Luther Larson, Susan Loomis, Ed Gunderson, Ron Laehn, Marge Linse, Peggy Waldbillig, Elsie Steinbach, Jackie, Shadie, Savannah Au, Donna Seltrecht, David Bloss, Jean Fleming,

Thanksgiving for those celebrating birthdays: Dan Heike, Diane Ashwell, Jayden Miller, Mary Standaert, Darin York, Thomas Werlein.

Thanksgiving for those celebrating anniversaries: Chuck & Sharon Bauer.

**LaRae Grotzinger has volunteered to help coordinate our prayer chain. If you have any updates to this list, please contact her (.), the office, or Pastor. You may also utilize the prayer box found in the narthex.*

REJOICE ALWAYS

1 Thessalonians 5:16



OUR WEEK'S WORK
March 17-23, 2025

MON.	WA Street Apt Service	1:00 p.m.
	Board of Elders	7:00 p.m.
	Monday Night Bible Study	7:00 p.m.
WED.	Quilters	9:30 a.m.
	Lenten Service	11:00 a.m.
	Lenten Meal	11:45 a.m.
	Lenten Meal	5:15 p.m.
	Confirmation	5:30 p.m.
	Lenten Service	7:00 p.m.
THURS.	Ruby's Pantry	4:00 p.m.
	Church Council.	6:00 p.m.
	Choir Practice	6:30 p.m.
SUN.	Divine Service	9:00 a.m.
	Christian Education	10:30 a.m.



SERVING THIS WEEK
March 12 & 16, 2025

Accom:	Mary Gehrke		
Elder:	Gene Schultz	Weds	7:00 p.m.
	David Reineke	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
Usher:	Rich Brion	Weds.	11:00 a.m.
	Louis Moyer	Weds.	7:00 p.m.
	Galen Aase	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
Greeter	Bev Brion	Weds.	11:00 a.m.
	Nancy Jardine	Weds.	7:00 p.m.
	Audrey Aase	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
Acolyte:	Sullivan Rud	Weds.	7:00 p.m.
	Braelee Unser	Weds.	7:00 p.m.
	Reid Williamson	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
	Kate Williamson	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
Screen:	Vicki Howell	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
Counters:	Margaret Ronnei & Brenda McKissick		
Altar Guild:	Susan Loomis, Diane Pfund & Mary Standaert		



A Stewardship Thought

Philippians 3:19 – “Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things.” St. Paul does not want us to set our minds on earthly things, for they are passing away. This is similar to what Jesus says about storing up treasures on earth rather than storing them in heaven. Our heart tends to go where we put our treasure. This is why God commands us to live generously: not to spoil our fun, but to help train us in keeping our priorities straight and our minds off earthly things.

SERVING NEXT WEEK SCHEDULE
March 19 & 23, 2025

Accom:	Mary Gehrke		
Elder:	Joe Osenga	Weds	7:00 p.m.
	Galen Aase	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
Usher:	Butch Waldbillig	Weds.	11:00 a.m.
	Dennis Ring	Weds.	7:00 p.m.
	Matt Mohn	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
Greeter	Brenda McKissick	Weds.	11:00 a.m.
	Cindy Ring	Weds.	7:00 p.m.
	Alli Hoffman	Weds,	7:00 p.m.
	Karn Mohn	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
Acolyte:	Aubrey Wittig	Weds.	7:00 p.m.
	Arabella Wittig	Weds.	7:00 p.m.
	Calvin Olson	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
	Ben Linse	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
Screen:	David Reineke	Sun.	9:00 a.m.
Counters:	Dan Hill & Frank Standaert		
Altar Guild:	Susan Loomis, Diane Pfund & Mary Standaert		



OUR WORSHIP LAST WEEK

Attendance		
Wednesday	97	Sunday 92
Sunday School		7
General Offering:	\$	4743.00
TIM	\$	25.00
Offerings thru February 2025	\$	32,130.00
Expenses thru February 2025	\$	27,301.00

THANKS BE TO GOD!