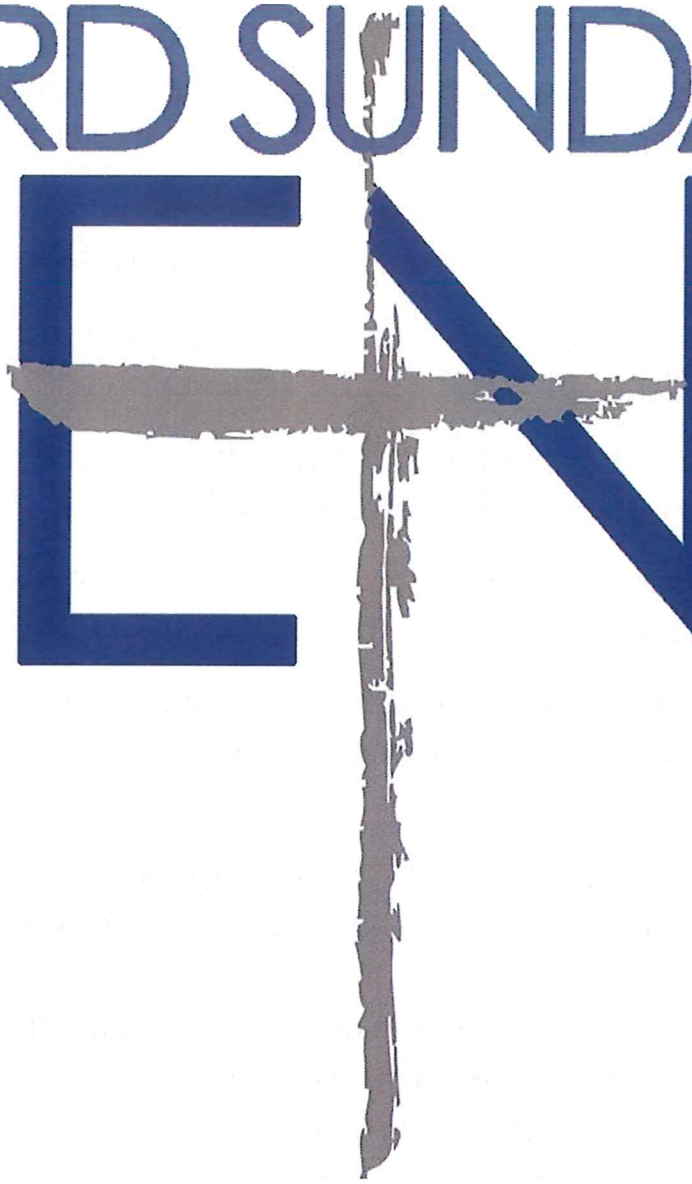
THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT



Zion Lutheran Church

Saturday March 6th, 2021 5:30 p.m.
Sunday March 7th, 2021 8:00 a.m.

Rev. Fred Kraemer, Pastor
Church (217) 324-2033

Mr. Mark Lofink, Principal
School (217) 324-3166

WELCOME

HYMN OF INVOCATION LW 981 *"To Your Temple, Lord, I Come"*

1 To Your temple, Lord, I come, for it is my worship home.
This earth has no better place, here I see my Savior's face.

2 I through Him am reconciled, I through Him become Your child.
Abba, Father, give me grace in Your courts Your love to trace.

3 While Your glorious praise is sung, touch my lips, unloose my tongue
That my joyful soul may bless Christ the Lord, my righteousness.

4 While the prayers of saints ascend, God of love, to mine attend.
Hear me, for Your Spirit pleads; hear, for Jesus intercedes.

5 While I listen to Your Law, fill my soul with humble awe
Till Your Gospel bring to me life and immortality.

6 While Your ministers proclaim peace and pardon in Your name,
Through their voice, by faith, may I hear You speaking from the sky.

7 From Your house when I return, may my heart within me burn,
And at evening let me say, "I have walked with God today."

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ORDER OF SERVICE LSB Page 151, Divine Service Setting One

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

INTROIT *Psalm 19*

[1]The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.
[2]Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge.
[3]There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard.
[4]Their measuring line goes out through all the end, and their words to the end of the world. In them he has set a tent for the sun,
[5]which comes out like a bridegroom| leaving his chamber,
and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.
[6]Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them, and there is nothing hidden from its heat.
[7]The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;
[8]the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;
[9]the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; the just decrees of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.
[10]More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.
[11]Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.
[12]Who can disern his errors? Declare me innocent from hidden faults.
[13]Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me! Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.
[14]Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.
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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P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.
C: Lord, have mercy.
P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
C: Lord, have mercy.
P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
C: Lord, have mercy.
P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
C: Lord, have mercy.
P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
C: Amen.

HYMN LSB 423 *"Jesus, Refuge of the Weary"*

1 Jesus, refuge of the weary, blest Redeemer, whom we love,
Fountain in life's desert dreary, Savior from the world above:
Often have Your eyes, offended, gazed upon the sinner's fall;
Yet upon the cross extended, You have borne the pain of all.

2 Do we pass that cross unheeding, breathing no repentant vow,
Though we see You wounded, bleeding, see Your thorn-encircled brow?
Yet Your sinless death has brought us life eternal, peace, and rest;
Only what Your grace has taught us calms the sinner's deep distress.

3 Jesus, may our hearts be burning with more fervent love for You;
May our eyes be ever turning to behold Your cross anew
Till in glory, parted never from the blessèd Savior's side,
Graven in our hearts forever, dwell the cross, the Crucified.

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P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.
P: Let us pray…
C: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT *Exodus 20:1–17*

[1]And God spoke all these words, saying, [2]"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. [3]"You shall have no other gods before me. [4]"You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. [5]You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, [6]but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. [7]"You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain. [8]"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. [9]Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, [10]but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. [11]For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. [12]"Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. [13]"You shall not murder. [14]"You shall not commit adultery. [15]"You shall not steal. [16]"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. [17]"You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's."

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *1 Corinthians 1:18-31*

[18]For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. [19]For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." [20]Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? [21]For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. [22]For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, [23]but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, [24]but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. [25]For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

[26]For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. [27]But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; [28]God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, [29]so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. [30]He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. [31]Therefore, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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P: The Holy Gospel, according to St. John, the Second Chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

GOSPEL *John 2:13-22*

[13]The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. [14]In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. [15]And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. [16]And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade." [17]His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." [18]So the Jews said to him, "What sign do you show us for doing these things?" [19]Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." [20]The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?" [21]But he was speaking about the temple of his body. [22]When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY LSB 530 *"No Temple Now, No Gift of Price"*

1 No temple now, no gift of price, no priestly round of sacrifice,
Retain their ancient pow'rs. As shadows fade before the sun
The day of sacrifice is done, the day of grace is ours.

2 The dying Lord our ransom paid, one final full self-off'ring made,
Complete in ev'ry part. His finished sacrifice for sins
The covenant of grace begins, the law within the heart.

3 In faith and confidence draw near, within the holiest appear,
With all who praise and pray; who share one family, one feast,
One great imperishable Priest, one new and living way.

4 For Christ is ours! With purpose true the pilgrim path of faith pursue,
The road that Jesus trod; until by His prevailing grace
We stand at last before His face, our Savior and our God.

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SERMON *"This Is Not Gentle Jesus"* *John 2:5-16*

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I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(8:00) **CELEBRATION OF TEACHERS' YEARS OF SERVICE**

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P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.
P: Lift up your hearts.
C: We lift them to the Lord.
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
P: It is truly good, right, and salutary.... and saying:

SANCTUS Page 161

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LORD'S PRAYER Page 162

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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS LSB 707 *"Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways"*

1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep His statutes still!
Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do His will!

2 Order my footsteps by Thy Word and make my heart sincere;
Let sin have no dominion, Lord, but keep my conscience clear.

3 Assist my soul, too apt to stray, a stricter watch to keep;
And should I e'er forget Thy way, restore Thy wand'ring sheep.

4 Make me to walk in Thy commands—'Tis a delightful road—
Nor let my head or heart or hands offend against my God.

LSB 427 *"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"*

1 In the cross of Christ I glory, tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.
All the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.

2 When the woes of life o'ertake me, hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.

3 When the sun of bliss is beaming light and love upon my way,
From the cross the radiance streaming adds more luster to the day.

4 Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure by the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure, joys that through all time abide.

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POST COMMUNION CANTICLE *"Nunc Dimittis"* Page 165

**Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled.
My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people: A light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel. 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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P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

HYMN OF DEPARTURE LSB 645 *"Built on the Rock"*

1 Built on the Rock the Church shall stand even when steeples are falling.
Crumbled have spires in ev'ry land; bells still are chiming and calling,
Calling the young and old to rest, but above all the souls distressed,
Longing for rest everlasting.

2 Surely in temples made with hands God, the Most High, is not dwelling;
High above earth His temple stands, all earthly temples excelling.
Yet He who dwells in heav'n above chooses to live with us in love,
Making our bodies His temple.

3 We are God's house of living stones, built for His own habitation.
He through baptismal grace us owns heirs of His wondrous salvation.
Were we but two His name to tell, yet He would deign with us to dwell
With all His grace and His favor.

4 Here stands the font before our eyes, telling how God has received us.
The altar recalls Christ's sacrifice and what His Supper here gives us.
Here sound the Scriptures that proclaim Christ yesterday, today, the same,
And evermore, our Redeemer.

5 Grant, then, O God, Your will be done, that,
when the church bells are ringing, many in saving faith may come where
Christ His message is bringing: "I know My own; My own know Me.
You, not the world, My face shall see. My peace I leave with you. Amen."

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UPCOMING SERVICES

Lenten Midweek 4	Wednesday March 10th	7:00 p.m.
Lenten Midweek 5	Wednesday March 17th	7:00 p.m.
Lenten Midweek 6	Wednesday March 24th	7:00 p.m.
Maundy Friday	Thursday April 1st	7:00 p.m.
Good Friday	Friday April 2nd	7:00 p.m.

EASTER WORSHIP

Saturday April 3rd 5:30 p.m.

Sunday April 4th 6:00 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.

All Easter Worships will be the same service,
with an option of 4 service times.

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Welcome to all gathering together with us in worship today! May our time together in God's Word be blessed by Him. We are glad to be gathering together once more!

Receiving Communion - 5:30, 8:00 a.m.
In preparation, examine yourself by asking these questions:
Am I truly sorry for my sins?
Do I believe I am forgiven because of Jesus' suffering and death?
Do I believe in the Real Presence of Christ's Body and Blood in the Sacrament?
Do I desire to be strengthened in faith to live a God-pleasing life, and to forgive others?
This is the faith expressed by the LCMS and those in fellowship with us. All members of fellow LCMS congregations may commune with us. If it is your first time with us, please speak to the pastor before communing.

Prayers
For Healing: Harold Turner, Hendrix Porter (Son of Sarah Saxby Porter), Gertrude Wreath, Sharon Cordani, Roger Best, John Whetstone, Todd Schmidt, Steve Steelman, Pat Titsworth, Reini Morgan, Florence Collmann, Declan Treece, Aldena Pluhm, Heath Beccue and James Rowland
Zion Lutheran School
Government Officials
Military and all First Responders

Baptisms This Sunday during the 10:30 a.m. service, Stetson Lane Everett, son of Dustin and Ashley Everett, and Emma Louis Bruntjen, daughter of Chris Bruntjen and Amie Dever-Carter will receive the washing of regeneration in the Holy Spirit through Baptism.
Stetsons's sponsors are Roger and Brittany Davis. Emma's witness is Ty Dever.
God's Blessings to these children, their families and sponsors.

Bulletins are given by the members of Zion Lutheran School Board in Celebration of Lutheran School's Week

Altar Flowers are in Honor of family birthdays celebrated in March by Bill & Georgia Hull.

Altar Flower and Bulletin sponsor sign-ups are located in the Narthex. You may also call the church office to sign up. Bulletins are $10 and checks can be made payable to Zion Lutheran Church. Altar Flowers are $25 made payable to Ladies Aid.

Easter Flower Sign-Ups are available this weekend through March 11th. Sign-up sheets are located on the table in the Narthex entrance. You may also call the church office at (217) 324-2033 to sign up. You may choose between Lily, Hyacinth or Tulip. Each flower will be $14.50 and checks can be made payable to Zion Lutheran Ladies Aid. After Easter services your flower will be available to take home or please call the office to arrange a time to pick up at a later date.

Special Bulletins we have Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Easter still available to sponsor. Special Bulletins are $20 and can be made payable Zion Lutheran Church.

Congratulations to these teachers on reaching milestones in their Lutheran teaching careers. We also want to thank them for their service here at Zion...
Mark Lofink - Principal-25 years of service in Lutheran schools (31 total years in teaching)
Mindy Fischer-3/4th grade Teacher- 25 years of service in Lutheran schools
Ernie Thomack- Music Teacher-25 years of service in Lutheran schools
Tim Moore- 7/8th grade Teacher- 5 years of service in Lutheran schools (23 total years in teaching)

Voters Meeting The church will be holding an emergency voters meeting on Sunday, March 14th after the 10:30am service. The school would like to extend two calls to teachers for the 2021-22 school year. So please be there so we can get these teachers called to Zion!

Grief Share is offering a 13 week session every Thursday starting March 4th – June 3rd. These group meetings will be located at the Beacon Church in Litchfield. For more information visit www.griefshare.com or call Beacon Church at (217) 313-2211.

Mission Service - Ladies Aid is collecting items for Litchfield Food Pantry. Items can be dropped off in the shopping cart located in the hallway.

Spare Change We are collecting coins for the Mission project for National Lutheran Schools week. The class that brings in the most value in only coins will win an Extra Recess with Mr. Lofink. You're welcome to donate to any class of your choice.

LHM is challenging you this year to help us distribute gift packages to 5,000 children in Thailand. **Your gift of $5 could provide one holiday gift package to a child in Thailand.**

Upcoming Events:
Tuesday, March 9 – ***School Board*** – 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, March 10 – ***Confirmation*** – 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 10 – ***Midweek Lent*** – 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, March 11 – ***Berean Bible Study*** – 9:15 a.m.
Thursday, March 11 – ***Church Council***– 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 13 – ***Worship – Traditional*** - 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, March 14 – ***Worship – Traditional***- 8:00 a.m.
Sunday, March 14 – ***Bible Class*** – 9:15 a.m.
Sunday, March 14 – ***Worship – Traditional(Communion)***-10:30 a.m.

Serving Us in Worship
Organist – Keith Marburger
5:30 – Andy Frerichs
8:00 – Brad Bowles
10:30 – Bill Galyon

Sausage Drive-thru we are looking for volunteers to help inside and outside, with the sausage dinner April 11th. There will be sign up sheets available or you may contact Becky at (217) 246-2456 or Nancy at (217) 254-4442. Safety precautions and social distancing guidelines will be required.