

Zion Lutheran Church



Sixth Midweek Lent
March 23th, 2016

Welcome to worship!

This evening, our Lenten Midweek Series wraps up as we take a look at the events that lead up to the Last Supper and the Institution of the Lord's Supper. Last week, we listened to Jesus' teaching about the destruction of Jerusalem and the End of the Age. We heard parables of wise and foolish virgins, faithful and unfaithful servants, and sheep and goats. In our text this evening, we will see three different reactions to Jesus' teaching from last week.

One group of people, the chief priests and elders of the people, react to Jesus' teaching by conspiring together to kill Jesus. This is one way (albeit an extreme way) of reacting to Jesus' teaching.

Then there is a second possible reaction, exemplified by the woman who pours oil on Jesus' head at the home of Simon the leper in order to prepare him for burial. This is a very different reaction; it comes from faith and is motivated by love.

The last reaction, that of Judas, is to betray Jesus. After listening to what Jesus had to say, Judas wants nothing more to do with him. What Jesus had been saying was not what Judas wanted to hear, and so he agrees to betray Jesus.

These kinds of reactions still happen today as people listen to the teaching and gospel of Jesus. There's a lot that we can learn from this text. God bless your time in worship this evening!

-Pastor Duncan

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Service of the Word

The Prelude

Announcements

Opening Hymn: Hymn Sing

The Invocation

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

People: **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

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

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

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

People: **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.**

The Absolution

The Prayers

Pastor: ...Lord, in your mercy.

People: **Hear our prayer.**

The Psalm of the Day: Psalm 83

A Song. A Psalm of Asaph.

O God, do not keep silence; do not hold your peace or be still, O God!

For behold, your enemies make an uproar; those who hate you have raised their heads.

They lay crafty plans against your people; they consult together against your treasured ones.

They say, "Come, let us wipe them out as a nation; let the name of Israel be remembered no more!"

For they conspire with one accord; against you they make a covenant—the tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites, Moab and the Hagrites, Gebal and Ammon and Amalek, Philistia with the inhabitants of Tyre; Asshur also has joined them; they are the strong arm of the children of Lot. Selah

Do to them as you did to Midian, as to Sisera and Jabin at the river Kishon, who were destroyed at En-dor, who became dung for the ground.

Make their nobles like Oreb and Zeeb, all their princes like Zebah and Zalmunna, who said, "Let us take possession for ourselves of the pastures of God."

O my God, make them like whirling dust, like chaff before the wind.

As fire consumes the forest, as the flame sets the mountains ablaze, so may you pursue them with your tempest and terrify them with your hurricane!

Fill their faces with shame, that they may seek your name, O Lord.

Let them be put to shame and dismayed forever; let them perish in disgrace, that they may know that you alone, whose name is the Lord, are the Most High over all the earth.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading: Matthew 26:1-16

When Jesus had finished all these sayings, he said to his disciples, “You know that after two days the Passover is coming, and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified.” Then the chief priests and the elders of the people gathered in the palace of the high priest, whose name was Caiaphas, and plotted together in order to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him. But they said, “Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar among the people.”

Now when Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, a woman came up to him with an alabaster flask of very expensive ointment, and she poured it on his head as he reclined at table. And when the disciples saw it, they were indignant, saying, “Why this waste? For this could have been sold for a large sum and given to the poor.” But Jesus, aware of this, said to them, “Why do you trouble the woman? For she has done a beautiful thing to me. For you always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me. In pouring this ointment on my body, she has done it to prepare me for burial. Truly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will also be told in memory of her.”

Then one of the twelve, whose name was Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, “What will you give me if I deliver him over to you?” And they paid him thirty pieces of silver. And from that moment he sought an opportunity to betray him.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Hymn: Abide with Me

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Sermon

The Offering

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Pastor: Finally, brothers, rejoice. Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: Amen!

The Recessional: Go My Children, With My Blessing 922

The Postlude

† Service Participants †

Pastor:	Rev. Duncan McLellan
Organist:	Sandra Quinlan
Elders:	Bill Bishop & Peter Fisher
Acolyte	Elder
Ushers:	Brian Pasquini, Dale Miller, Barb & Wayne Oechslein
	Ross Chilcott, Dan Harris, Vince Kimberland, Chuck LaJeunesse
Altar Guild:	Janet, Marian Oelschlager