

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



March 5th, 2017
First Sunday in Lent



ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Michael & Debra Sterba in Memory of Loved Ones.

ETERNAL LIGHT is given by Carolyn Wible in Memory of Richard Wible.

THIS WEEK'S FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE....is from MARIAN SIEK. Psalms 118:24

ESV *"This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."*

VICAR'S BOOK OF THE MONTH for March is Bo Giertz "The Hammer of God".

You can check it out of the Zion library!

ALL THINGS NEW SESSION 5 TAKEAWAY... The *desire to give* comes about through God-given GRACE.

LAST DAY IN THE SPOTLIGHT....WE HAVE THE BOOKS! And the life savers...books about Jesus our Life Saver and a bowl of candy life savers. Check out and enjoy both at the ZION LENDING LIBRARY in the back of the Sanctuary.

COULD YOU DEFEND what you believe about Creation in a casual conversation? A short but mighty booklet edited by our own TED SIEK summarizes the main talking points of last August's Genesis Seminar here at Zion. A small investment of your time will yield great insight into this very fundamental debate about the origin of life. Receive a complimentary copy at the spotlight table.

SAVE THE DATE....an ALL-CHURCH SPRING COOKOUT is in the works for SUNDAY, MAY 21st, right after second service. Fabulous food, fun and fellowship are on the agenda!

BATTER UP....the ZION LIONS Coed Softball Team is back for another season! Here are the details: 1. Levi Baer will take over as team manager for outgoing manager Aaron Janusey...thanks to both men 2. "Spring training" is on the church lawn in early April 3. Season play begins in late April 4. Cost to cover league fee is usually about \$60 per player 5. New players (church membership not required) are always welcome; contact LEVI BAER at baer.levi@gmail.com

WELCOME CENTER! Are you a guest or visitor looking for information about Zion? Hello and welcome to Zion! Stop by the table in the foyer after the service and we'll try to help.

CHURCH NURSERY: Is available for kids age 0-2 during the 10:30 Service! The Nursery ("Little Lions") is open during the late service in the lower level of the building. (If you need help locating the nursery, please ask an Usher or Greeter for assistance.)

NEED PRAYER? Stephen Ministers and Elders will be available to pray with or for you following the Service in the Chancel area.

TODAY'S GOSPEL READING AND SERMON will be posted to the ZLCB.org website later today. For an archive of older sermons, visit www.zlcb.org/sermons

Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church

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As we begin this season of Lent, we are encountered with our own sin. Our father Adam sinned, and since that first sin, every human being has been born sinful. Sin was never intended to be part of who we are! Sinful nature and human nature were never supposed to be the same thing, but in this fallen world, sin clings to us. One way of thinking of sin is as a disease. Think of a piece of meat that is diseased or rotten. That piece of meat (our human nature) is good and useful, but the disease (sin) has so infected it that at this point we can no longer separate the meat from the disease. The disease is not the meat, but for all intents and purposes, we can't tell the difference.

Our texts today confront us with the reality of our sinfulness. We see the sin of Adam in the garden of Eden and the curse that it brought upon humanity. But thanks be to God, our texts also present us with the promise of Christ. All of our passages this morning present Jesus as God's answer to sin. In Genesis, the curse of sin is juxtaposed with the promise of one who would crush the head of the serpent. In Romans, Christ is presented as the man who will bring righteousness in the face of Adam's sin. In Matthew, Jesus shows in his actions that he is remaining faithful where Adam (and you and I) failed. We're encountering incredibly important law and gospel truth this morning.

May God bless you, showing you your sin and forgiving you in Christ!

-Vicar Joshua



ZION EQUIPS, EDUCATES, AND ENCOURAGES BELIEVERS IN CHRIST, SENDING THEM INTO THE WORLD TO SHARE THE GOSPEL.

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Invocation

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

C Amen.

Exhortation

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Confession of Sins

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Absolution

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.

Psalm 32 1:-7

V Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

**☐ Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

☑ For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.

**☐ For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

☑ I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not cover my iniquity;

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

**☐ Therefore let everyone who is godly
offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found;
surely in the rush of great waters,
they shall not reach him.**

☑ You are a hiding place for me;
you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

Kyrie

☑ In peace let us pray to the Lord.

☐ Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

☑ For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

☐ Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

☑ 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.

☐ Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

☑ For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us
pray to the Lord.

☐ Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

☑ Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.

☐ Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

☑ The Lord be with you.

☐ And also with you.

Collect for The First Sunday in Lent

O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen**

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 3:1–21

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made.

He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?" And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." He said,

“Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.” The LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.” To the woman he said, “I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you.” And to Adam he said, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, ‘You shall not eat of it,’ cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” The man called his wife’s name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading

Romans 5:12-19

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man’s trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. And the free gift is not like the

result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. If, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 4th chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Gospel Reading

Matthew 4:1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone,

but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

"He will command his angels concerning you,'
and

"On their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone."

Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to him, "All these I will give

you, if you will fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written,

"You shall worship the Lord your God
and him only shall you serve."

Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You , O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ☩ everlasting. Amen.**

569 In Adam We Have All Been One

Sermon

Stand

Prayer of the Church

- P** Lord in your mercy
- C** hear our prayer.

Lord's Prayer

- C** 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.

Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

Please be seated. Following the Offering Music the congregation will stand.

Offering

If you are visiting with us this morning, know that your presence here means far more to us than any gift of money you could make; please do not hesitate to let the plate pass you by. Please stop by the welcome desk on your way out of church this morning.



C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
 way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Preface

- 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 that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

As the glory of Your presence once filled Your ancient temple, so in the incarnation of Your Son, Jesus Christ, You manifested the fullness of Your glory in human flesh.

We give You thanks that in His most Holy Supper You reveal Your glory to us. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood so that we may one day behold Your glory face to face.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

- C** 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

Pax Domini

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

Agnus Dei

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Distribution

We welcome to the Lord's Table all who have been baptized in the name of the Triune God, can examine themselves spiritually and believe they receive the true body and blood of the Lord Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins and as a profession of their faith. If you hold a profession of faith that differs from that of our congregation, please speak to the Pastor before the start of the service before communing.

We believe the body and blood of Christ are truly present in the bread and wine.

We believe Christ offers the forgiveness of sins in the Lord's Supper, but that the Lord's Supper is not necessary for salvation.

We believe the Lord's Supper remembers the death of Christ and proclaims his death until he returns.

We believe the Lord's Supper is a statement of unity in the body of Christ; we do not believe it creates that unity.

During the distribution, you are encouraged to sing the Distribution Hymns, pray, or meditate on the words "this is my body... this is my blood, given for you."

The cups at the center of the Individual Communion tray contain diluted wine for those with alcohol sensitivities.

Distribution Hymns

621 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

641 You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

618 I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table

Nunc Dimittis

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All

part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the

glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;

A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is

to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -

peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Post-Communion Collect

V Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Benedicamus and Benediction

V Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

V 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.**

Closing Hymn - Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise 917

† *Service Participants* †

Pastor:	Eric Carlson
Vicar:	Joshua Ulm
Music Director:	Mark Killinger
The Organist:	Doug Krantz
The Elders:	Bill Bishop & Peter Fisher
The Acolyte:	Matt Liberatore (8:00) Leah Luedeman (10:30)
The Greeters:	Bill & Carol Schrag (8:00) Kristen Neill (10:30)
The Ushers:	Brian Pasquini, Debbie Ford, (8:00) Dale Miller, Barb & Wayne Oechslein Ross Chilcott, Dan Harris (10:30) Kari & John Gresh
Altar Guild:	Janet & Marian Oelschlager
Nursery:	Megan & Ava Pasquini & Marian Oelschlager

Last Week in Worship

Sunday Worship Attendance (2/26) – 167

Ash Wednesday Attendance (3/1) - 85

Sunday Offering (2/26) - \$3,691.00

Online Offering (2/20-2/24) - \$ 1,080.00

~Online giving is now available by going to the Zion web site: www.zlcb.org~

Week of March 5th - March 12th

SUNDAY 3/5	8:00 AM – Worship w/ Communion 9:15 AM – Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM – Worship w/ Communion 11:45 AM – Children’s Choir 11:45 AM – Stephen Ministry Meeting 11:45 AM – Board of Ed Meeting
MONDAY 3/6	7:00 PM – Confirmation 7:00 PM – Trustees Meeting 4:30 – 7:00 PM – Preschool Chick-fil-A Spirit Night
TUESDAY 3/7	7:15 PM – Women’s Bible Study
WEDNESDAY 3/8	7:00 PM – Lenten Midweek Service
THURSDAY 3/9	10:00 AM – Bible Study 7:00 PM – Adult Choir Practice 7:30 PM – Church Council Meeting
FRIDAY 3/10	5:30 – 8:30 PM – Preschool Ice Cream Social
SATURDAY 3/11	8:00 AM – Men’s Bible Breakfast
SUNDAY 3/12 FOOD BANK COLLECTION	8:00 AM – Worship 9:15 AM – Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM – Worship

Meet our New Pastor & Family

**Pastor and Family will be at the 10:30 Service on April 9th (Palm Sunday)
expect a Long greeting line at the end of the service!!**

**Installation will be on April 9th at 2:00 PM. Reception Following is being
planned**

Meet Pastor Grimenstein & Family!

**Wife
Children**

- Tevia (T[^] ev – e – ^a)
- Lydia 18
- Anna 16
- Michael 14
- Sara 11
- Joshua 10
- Daniel 7
- Nathan 3
- (Coming soon – Due June 7th)



Upcoming Middle School Youth Group Event



Black
Light
Night

DODGEBALL

When?	March 30
Where?	Basement of Zion Lutheran Church
Who?	Anyone in 6-8th Grade
Time?	8-10pm
Address?	3197 Washington Pike, Bridgeville
Food?	Pizza!
Cost?	\$0

Wear something
White or Neon

younglife
wyldlife



**Mark your calendar
with this date
correction!!
Friday March 31st**