

# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
*Lenten Service*



# Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church

3197 Washington Pike Bridgeville PA 15017

(412)221-4776

www.zlcb.org

**Vicar Joshua Ulm, Vicar**

vicar@zlcb.org

**Rev. Eric Carlson, Vacancy Pastor**

pastorcarlsonlcms@gmail.com

As we've been journeying through Lent, we've been listening to the sounds of the passion. It has been a chance to immerse ourselves in the events surrounding the death and resurrection. Lent is a season of repentance and preparation. We reflect on our own sin and prepare to watch our savior die and rise. As we prepare for this evening's service, it is helpful to take a look back at what we have experienced so far in our midweek services.

On Ash Wednesday, we discussed the sound of ripping cloth, a sound that resounded throughout the Old Testament as God's people tore their garments in anguish and repentance. We look at the sound of tearing garments as the chief priests tore their robes and finally as the temple curtain tore in two. We were reminded that we are called to repent, not merely give an outward sign, rending our hearts and not our garments, as the prophet Joel bids us do. The torn temple curtain reminds us that our sins have been laid on Jesus and no longer separate us from God.

Last week we heard the clinking coins, the price of the betrayal of our Lord. We talked about the hard-hearted disciple Judas who betrayed His Lord into the hands of his enemies. The story of Judas showed us how we so often betray our Lord for a small price. We saw the contrast between us and Judas: We run to Jesus for forgiveness for ANY sin, no matter how big, and he forgives us.

Tonight's sound is a familiar one. You have made this sound. You have heard this sound often. You may even hear it in tonight's service as you listen to the sermon.

May God Bless Your Worship!

-Vicar Joshua



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

Zion Lutheran Church 3197 Washington Pike Bridgeville, PA 15017

## Opening Hymn - Hymn Sing

**V** The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.  
**C** Amen.

**V** It is good to give thanks to the Lord,  
**C** to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;

**V** to herald Your love in the morning,  
**C** Your truth at the close of the day.

**V** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

**V** I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

**C** The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. Amen.

**C** I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

**V** The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins.

**C** Amen.

## Psalm 56 (Verses 1-9, Antiphon Verse 13)

**V** *You have delivered my soul from death,  
yes, my feet from | falling,\*  
that I may walk before God  
in the | light of life.*

**C** Be gracious to me, O God, for man tramples | on me;\*

all day long an attacker op- | presses me;  
my enemies trample on me | all day long,\*  
for many attack me | proudly.

When I | am afraid,\*

I put my | trust in you.

In God, whose word I praise,

in God I trust; I shall not | be afraid.\*

What can flesh | do to me?

All day long they in- | jure my cause;\*

all their thoughts are against me for | evil.

They stir up strife, they lurk;

they | watch my steps,\*

as they have waited | for my life.

For their crime will | they escape?\*

In wrath cast down the peoples, | O God!

You have kept count of my tossings;

put my tears in your | bottle.\*

Are they not | in your book?

Then my enemies will turn back

in the day | when I call.\*

This I know, that God is | for me.

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.

**V** *For you have delivered my soul from death,*

*yes, my feet from | falling,\**

*that I may walk before God*

*in the | light of life.*

## **Readings from Holy Scripture**

### **Revelation 21:1-8**

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his

people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment.

The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son."

But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death."

### **John 11: 17-37**

Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world." When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, "Lord, if you

had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. And he said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus wept. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?"

### Responsory

- ✠ Into Your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.
- ✚ **Into Your hands I commend my spirit.**
- ✠ You have redeemed me, O Lord, God of truth.
- ✚ **Into Your hands I commend my spirit.**
- ✠ Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
- ✚ **Into Your hands I commend my spirit.**

### Sermon Hymn – Go to Dark Gethsemane

436

#### *Sermon*

#### Prayer

- ✠ Hear my prayer, O Lord;
- ✚ **listen to my cry.**
  
- ✠ Keep me as the apple of Your eye;
- ✚ **hide me in the shadow of Your wings.**
  
- ✠ In righteousness I shall see You;
- ✚ **when I awake Your presence will give me joy.**
  
- ✠ Be present, merciful God, and protect us through the hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of life may find our rest in You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- ✚ **Amen.**
  
- ✠ O Lord, support us all the day long of this troubled life, until the shadows

lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, Lord, in your mercy grant us a safe lodging and a holy rest and peace at the last; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C Amen.**

**V** Be our light in the darkness, O Lord, and in Your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of Your only Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C Amen.**

### Lord's Prayer

**V** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

**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.**

### Nunc Dimittis

**V** Guide us waking, O Lord,  
and guard us sleeping  
that awake we may watch with Christ  
and asleep we may rest in peace.

**C 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.  
Guide us waking, O Lord,  
and guard us sleeping  
that awake we may watch with Christ  
and asleep we may rest in peace.**

### **Benediction**

**V** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
bless us and keep us.

**G** Amen.

**Closing Hymn – On My Heart Imprint Your Image**

**422**

### **Acknowledgments**

Compline from Lutheran Service Book

Unless otherwise indicated, all scripture quotations are from *The Holy Bible, English Standard Version*, copyright © 2001 by Crossway Bibles, a division of Good News Publishers. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

Created by Lutheran Service Builder © 2006 Concordia Publishing House.



# Help Wanted - Zion Treasurer Position



As many of you know, the Luedeman family will be relocating to Florida. This means we are looking for a new Treasurer to replace Kim. The Treasurer is responsible for all cash disbursements and maintaining accurate books. In addition, full financial reports are prepared for monthly council meetings. The Treasurer coordinates with the outside payroll company, budget process and uses the Sheppard Staff software. There is a stipend for this position. If you would be interested in learning more about this position please see Kim Luedeman or Bob Schmidt.

Upcoming Middle School  
Youth Group Event

**Black**

---

**Light**

---

**Night**

---



**When?** March 31  
**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**