

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



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Lenten Service

Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church

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Welcome to Worship!

Why does Zion have a Wednesday service during Holy Week? Your Pastor and Vicar couldn't figure that one out. Typically, Holy Week services bring an end to the Wednesday services as we focus on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. But having Wednesday service does give us a unique opportunity that most preachers don't get. The night that Jesus was betrayed was a busy night. The Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark, and Luke) give us the account of Jesus last meal with his disciples, the institution of the Lord's Supper. John's Gospel does not give us that account, but gives us the account of Jesus washing His disciples' feet. Typically, the lectionary assigns *either* the washing of the disciples' feet *or* the last supper account, but having a Wednesday service gives us the opportunity to explore both important events.

Tonight, we will look at our servant Lord Jesus, down on his hands and knees washing the feet of His disciples. We will conclude our "sounds of the passion" sermon series with what may be the most important sound we've covered in these 7 weeks.

May God bless your worship!

Vicar Joshua



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

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Opening Hymn - Hymn Sing

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

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

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

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

P 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.**

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Psalm 27

P Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your | steadfast love;*
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my trans- | gressions.

- C** Wash me thoroughly from my in- | iquity,*
and cleanse me | from my sin!
- P** For I know my trans- | gressions,*
and my sin is ever be- | fore me.
- C** Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil | in your sight,*
so that you may be justified in your words
and blameless in your | judgment.
- P** Behold, I was brought forth in in- | iquity,*
and in sin did my mother con- | ceive me.
- C** Behold, you delight in truth in the inward | being,*
and you teach me wisdom in the | secret heart.
- P** Purge me with hyssop, and I | shall be clean,*
wash me, and I shall be whit- | er than snow.

Readings from Holy Scripture

2 Kings 5:1–14

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master and in high favor, because by him the LORD had given victory to Syria. He was a mighty man of valor, but he was a leper. Now the Syrians on one of their raids had carried off a little girl from the land of Israel, and she worked in the service of Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "Would that my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." So Naaman went in and told his lord, "Thus and so spoke the girl from the land of Israel." And the king of Syria said, "Go now, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel."

So he went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten changes of clothes. And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you Naaman my servant, that you may cure him of his leprosy." And when the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Only consider, and see how he is seeking a quarrel with me."

But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent to the king, saying, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come now to me, that he may know that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman

came with his horses and chariots and stood at the door of Elisha's house. And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." But Naaman was angry and went away, saying, "Behold, I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call upon the name of the LORD his God, and wave his hand over the place and cure the leper. Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" So he turned and went away in a rage. But his servants came near and said to him, "My father, it is a great word the prophet has spoken to you; will you not do it? Has he actually said to you, 'Wash, and be clean'?" So he went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God, and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

John 13:1–20

Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you." For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean."

When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher,

have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them. I am not speaking of all of you; I know whom I have chosen. But the Scripture will be fulfilled, 'He who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me.' I am telling you this now, before it takes place, that when it does take place you may believe that I am he. Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever receives the one I send receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me."

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 – Cross, of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow

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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.

C Amen.

P 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.

P 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

P 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

P 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

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

G Amen.

Closing Hymn – Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing

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