

Zion Lutheran Church

FIRST SUNDAY IN
LENT

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February 18th, 2018
First Sunday in Lent

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Roxanne Burgh in Memory of her husband George Burgh and Tom & Kim Erbrecht in Celebration of all of their February Birthday's .

ETERNAL LIGHT is given by Paul & Theresa Hayes in Memory of Beatrice Johnson.

THIS WEEK'S FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE...is from **CLARA HAYES**. Romans 8:38-39 NIV For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

HELP WANTED...The *Pittsburgh Lutheran* has an immediate need for a volunteer to work on layout. The job entails putting together articles and pictures into a cohesive newsletter format each month. This job involves 4-6 hours a month, and all work can be done from the comfort of your home. Communication sharing of articles is done via email. Please contact Pittsburgh.lutheran.editor@gmail.com if you are interested and to answer any questions.

600 BAGS OF LOVE...MISSION ACCOMPLISHED! Your generous donations of items and money have allowed the Sunday School Kids to provide 600 Bags of Love to be distributed to our troops in the military. This surpasses last year's 510 bags! **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

LESSON TWO TAKEAWAYS from Women's Bible Study on Forgiveness: 1. Withholding forgiveness is a sin, rooted in original sin and our sinful human nature. 2. Respond to bad treatment with an intentional, Christlike attitude of forgiveness that will bear the fruit of peace and self-control in your life.

SOFTBALL SIGN UPS are underway! If you would like to join the Zion Lions Softball team please sign up in the narthex. Contact Levi Bauer at baer.levi@gmail.com with any questions! This is a great way to fellowship and have some fun!

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 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

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

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

P When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in | trouble;*
I will rescue him and | honor him.

With long life I will sat- | isfy him*
and show him my sal- | vation.

C Because you have made the LORD your | dwelling place—*

the Most High, who is my | refuge—

no evil shall be allowed to be- | fall you,*

no plague come | near your tent.

For he will command his angels con- | cerning you*

to guard you in | all your ways.

On their hands they will | bear you up,*

lest you strike your foot a- | gainst a stone.
 You will tread on the lion and the | adder;*
 the young lion and the serpent you will trample | underfoot.
 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.

P When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in | trouble;*
 I will rescue him and | honor him.
 With long life I will sat- | isfy him*
 and show him my sal- | vation.

Kyrie



C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray.

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace.

Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading – Genesis 22:1-18

After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of

which I shall tell you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you." And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here am I, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together.

When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called the name of that place, "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle – James 1:12-18

Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. But each person is tempted when he is lured

and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

VERSE FOR LENT



G Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra-cious and



mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a-bound - ing in



stead-fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

Holy Gospel

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

G **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

C **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 will 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 worshiped 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.

Sermon Hymn – A Mighty Fortress is Our God

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Sermon

Offertory



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.

Offertory – 8:00 am – Men’s Choir (Go to Dark Gethsemane)

10:30 am – Children’s Choir (Lamb of God)

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.

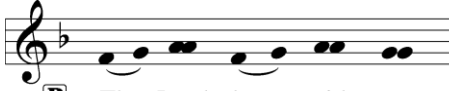
Prayer of the Church

P ...Lord in your mercy.

C ...Hear our prayer.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. 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;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bles - ed is He, bles - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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



P Our Lord Je-sus Christ, on the night when He was be-trayed, took bread,



and when He had giv-en thanks, He broke it and gave it to the



dis-ci-ples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † bod-y, which is giv-en for you.



This do in re-mem-brance of Me." In the same way al - so



He took the cup after sup-per, and when He had giv-en thanks, He gave it



to them, say-ing: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in



My † blood, which is shed for you for the for-give-ness of sins.



This do, as often as you drink it, in re-mem-brance of Me."

Pax Domini



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



☐ A - men.

Agnus Dei



☐ O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Sharing of Peace

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.

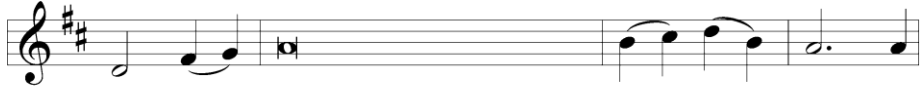
During the distribution, you are encouraged to sing the Distribution Hymns, pray, or meditate on the words "this is my body... this is my blood, given for you."

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

Distribution Hymns

Amazing Grace	#744
Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart	#708
I Lay My Sins on Jesus	#606


Nunc Dimittis




Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-



cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,




which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,



a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy



peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and

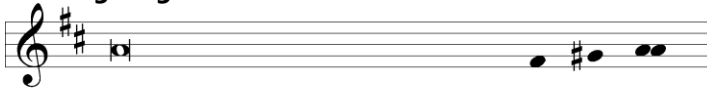


to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,

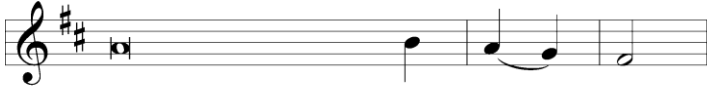


is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

Thanksgiving



A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

P 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.

Salutation



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

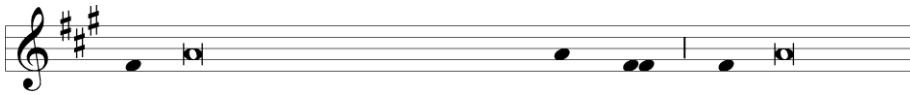


A Bless we the Lord.

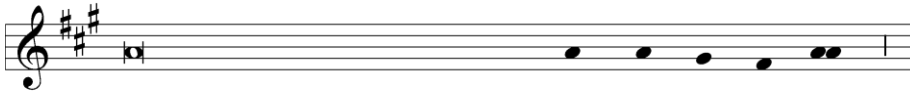


C Thanks be to God.

Benediction



P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Closing Hymn – The Lord, My God, Be Praised

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Divine Service, Setting Three from Lutheran Service Book

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Prayer Request for Family & Friends

The Church:

-**For our homebound members:** Tom Bicusky, Ruth Miller, George and Florence Boehme, Lois & Henry Dittmer, Norm and Helen Erbrecht, Irene Bourg, and Don Jones.

-**Healing for:** Janet Hickey, Jack Oelschlager, Florence Boehme, Gloria Godfrey, Marian Siek, Sarah & Michael Erbrecht, Gladys Cimarolli, Joyce Wood, Cletus Kroeger, Ruth Miller, Nancy Spotti, Aly Mance, Deana Thielet, Bill Koester, Nancy Koester, Dave Hutula, Ryan McCaffrey, and Mary Lou Neill.

-For our missionaries, especially Pastor Wokoma.

-For all who care for loved ones with illnesses.

-For the ministry of Zion Lutheran Preschool.

The World:

-For an end to abortion and human trafficking.

-For the youth in our community.

Our Nation:

-For our leaders and government officials.

-For those in foster care and those looking to adopt.

-For the disabled, unborn and aged.

-For those whose work it is to protect us.

-For those affected by the recent hurricanes.

- For godly care of the earth.

† *Service Participants* †

Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Edward Grimenstein
Music Director:	Mark Killinger
The Organist:	Sandy Quinlan
The Elders:	John Gielarowski & Mike Sterba
The Acolyte:	John Garrubba (8:00) Max Gresh (10:30)
The Greeters:	Bill & Carol Schrag (8:00) Kristen Neill (10:30)
The Ushers:	Melanie & Bill Becker Dale Miller & Brian Pasquini (8:00) Dan Harris, Sam Dragan Ed Malachosky & Mike Wallace (10:30)
Altar Guild:	Sarah Ali, Janet & Marian Oelschlager
Nursery:	Christine Chilcott & Carrie Lemonovich

Last Week in Worship

Sunday Worship Attendance (2/11) – 185

Ash Wednesday Attendance (2/14) - 110

Sunday Offering (2/4) - \$6,807.57 (Correction from last weeks bulletin.
The offering was incorrectly listed as \$46,807.57)

Sunday Offering (2/11) - \$3,230.90

Ash Wednesday Offering (2/14) - \$941.00

Online Offering (2/5-2/9) - \$1479.00

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

February 18th – February 25th

SUNDAY 2/18	8:00 AM – Worship w/ Communion 9:15 AM – Sunday School & Adult Bible' Study 10:30 AM – Worship w/ Communion
MONDAY 2/19	6:00 PM – First Year Confirmation 7:00 PM – Second Year Confirmation
TUESDAY 2/20	6:15 PM – Grace Bell Choir 7:15 PM – Adult Choir 7:15 PM – Women's Bible Study 8:00 PM – Faith Bell Choir
WEDNESDAY 2/21	6:00 PM – New Member Class 6:00 PM – Lenten Dinner 7:00 PM – Lenten Service
THURSDAY 2/22	10:00 AM – Bible Study
FRIDAY 2/23	
SATURDAY 2/24	8:00 AM – Men's Bible Breakfast
SUNDAY 2/25	8:00 AM – Worship w/ Communion 9:15 AM – Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM – Worship w/ Communion

YOUTH GROUP BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER!

Support the Youth Group on
Wednesday February 21st during the
Lenten Dinner and after Service.
Pick up some sweet treats from the
Youth Group.

(They are also taking baked good donations to sell as well.
Drop off in the kitchen by 6:00pm on Wednesday)





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HUMAN COALITION

Rescuing Children, Serving Families.

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We will be collecting change for the baby bottle drive! Baby bottles are in the back of the church. Take one and fill it with change and return no later than Sunday February 25th!

*Did you know that at 21 days a baby's heart begins to beat? At 1 month, the baby's organs and body parts are developing, and at 8 weeks the baby's brain and nerve endings are formed. The typical client is coming into our clinics around 7-8 weeks pregnant and is considering an abortion. We can show her the life God created through an ultrasound image. This ultrasound image changes her heart from contemplating abortion to choosing life 90% of the time. When you fill a bottle with your checks, dollars, or loose change, you are helping rescue children and serve families! Grab your bottle from the lobby and support Human Coalition, which operates the Pittsburgh Women's Clinic, formerly known as the Pregnancy Resource Center of the South Hills, in the work of saving lives! (Please make checks payable to "Human Coalition.") All proceeds support the **local** activity in Pittsburgh.)*





Send Your Love to a Person with a Disability

Would you consider sending a Valentine's Day card to someone at Bethesda?
During the month of February, we hope to send all the people with disabilities
at Bethesda tons of cards!

But, we need your help...

When you make a \$5 donation to Bethesda, we will send a Valentine to a
person during the month of February.

Wouldn't it be amazing to see the bedrooms, doors, and homes of the folks at
Bethesda filled with Valentines?!?

We think so, and are praying you will too.

**Visit <https://sharethelove.funraise.org> to send a
Valentine's Day card!**

Thank you for your love and support for people with disabilities!

Thank you from Bethesda.

