

# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



*The Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes*

*Last Sunday of Epiphany  
March 6, 2011*



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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The **Altar Flowers** have been given to the Glory of God by Shelly James in honor of Bob's birthday and by Michael and Deborah Sterba in memory of Michael's father, Stanley Sterba.

The **Eternal Light** is lit to the Glory of the God by Joyce Wood in memory of Thomas J. Wood.

The annual Zion Preschool **SPAGHETTI DINNER**, accompanied by an art show and bake sale, will be held on Friday, March 11 with three available seating times: 4:30-5:30, 5:30-6:30, and 6:30-7:30 (take-out is also available). Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for children 10 and under (children 2 and under are free).

**CALLING ALL BAKERS!** At our annual Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser, we've always ended our delicious meal with some fabulous deserts. If you would be willing to donate "something sweet" to our cause, it would be greatly appreciated. Items can be dropped off at the church on Thursday the 10th, or by 1:00 Friday afternoon, the 11th. If you have any questions, please contact Tracey Harris at [tharrissyd@comcast.net](mailto:tharrissyd@comcast.net).

Please participate in our **SOAP COLLECTION** for Lutheran World Relief. Donate a bar of soap throughout February and March in its original wrapping (4-5 oz. is suggested) by leaving it in the church narthex or greenhouse area – **62 bars of soap have already been collected!!**

**FOOD BANK COLLECTION** will be next Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>. The item of the month is canned or dried fruit. Thank you for your donations on February 13<sup>th</sup>. During the February 19<sup>th</sup> distribution, 107 families were assisted which included 35 children, 106 adults, and 58 of the elderly. Your participation in this vital ministry is appreciated.

**A Special Door Offering** will be taken this month on March 13 & 20 for Rachael Quinlan, our college student studying for church work at Concordia College in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

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### **Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church!**

Last week, we had over 30 people from the church (and friends of people from the church) hit the slopes at Seven Springs for an evening of skiing, snow tubing, and snowboarding. It was my first time on skis. After several hours of trying to control the relationship between gravity, friction, and momentum, I improved exponentially in my ability to fall and get back up.

It's a humbling thing to watch people with baby teeth whiz by while you are picking yourself up from another error in judgment and lack of ability. Those who ski make good skiers. Those who avoided the white powder for 33 years are not.

(And now the subtle transition to how this applies to being a Christian.)

The moment I put on the skis, I became a skier (albeit an awkward one). And the moment you put on Christ, you became a Christian. Oh sure, when you look around you see Christians who seem to make the Christian walk look more like a pleasant stroll in the park and not the grueling marathon it sometimes feels like it is. When we compare ourselves to others as Christians, we sometimes feel like the first-time skier picking himself up from another mistake or lack of judgment while others whiz by, enjoying the ride.

The end result, however, is the same. Good skier or bad, everyone makes it down the hill. And every Christian, regardless of skill, makes it to the goal: eternal life with Christ in a creation freed from sin, death, and the devil. All thanks to Christ!

God bless your time in worship this morning.

-Pastor Duncan

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# The Divine Service

## *The Prelude*

## *Introduction to Worship and Announcements*

(please stand)

***Opening Hymn:*** A Might Fortress Is Our God 657

## *The Invocation*

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

**People:** **Amen.**

***Confession and Absolution*** 254

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

**Pastor:** 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.

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

**People:** **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.**

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

**People:** **Amen.**

## ***Hymn of Praise: This Is the Feast***

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### **Refrain:**

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Worthy is Christ the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

### **Refrain**

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.

### **Refrain**

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation. Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

### **Refrain**

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

### **Refrain**

## ***The Collect***

Leader: The Lord be with you!

People: **And also with you!**

Leader: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, you desire not the death of a sinner, but that all would repent and live. Hear our prayers for those outside the Church. Take away their iniquity, and turn them from their false gods to You, the living and true God. Gather them into Your holy Church to the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

## ***The Baptism of Callista Chilcott (10:30)***

### **The Service of the Word**

#### **The Old Testament Lesson: Exodus 16:1-15**

They set out from Elim, and all the congregation of the people of Israel came to the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the

fifteenth day of the second month after they had departed from the land of Egypt.

And the whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, and the people of Israel said to them, “Would that we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the meat pots and ate bread to the full, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

Then the Lord said to Moses, “Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day’s portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily.”

So Moses and Aaron said to all the people of Israel, “At evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your grumbling against the Lord. For what are we, that you grumble against us?”

And Moses said, “When the Lord gives you in the evening meat to eat and in the morning bread to the full, because the Lord has heard your grumbling that you grumble against him—what are we? Your grumbling is not against us but against the Lord.”

Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, ‘Come near before the Lord, for he has heard your grumbling.’” And as soon as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, and they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud.

And the Lord said to Moses, “I have heard the grumbling of the people of Israel. Say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. Then you shall know that I am the Lord your God’.”

In the evening quail came up and covered the camp, and in the morning dew lay around the camp. And when the dew had gone up, there was on the face of the wilderness a fine, flake-like thing, fine as frost on the ground.

When the people of Israel saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the Lord had given you to eat.”

## **The New Testament Lesson: 1 Corinthians 11:23-29**

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Whoever, therefore, eats the bread and drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.

(Out of respect for our Lord Jesus Christ, please rise for the reading of the Holy Gospel.)

**Pastor:** The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 6<sup>th</sup> Chapter

**People:** (sing) **Glory be to Thee, O Lord!**

### **The Gospel: John 6:1-15**

After this Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. And a large crowd was following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing on the sick.

Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews was at hand. Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do.

Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?"

Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." Now there was much grass in that place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number. Jesus then

took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted.

And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, "Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves left by those who had eaten.

When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, "This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!"

Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **(sing) Praise be to thee, O Christ!**

(Please be seated)

### ***The Children's Message (10:30)***

***The Sermon Hymn: My Song Is Love Unknown*** 430

Pastor: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, without Your help our labor is useless, and without Your light our search is in vain. Invigorate our study of Your holy Word that, by due diligence and right discernment, we may establish ourselves and others in Your holy faith; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

### ***Sermon***

(Please stand)

***The Creed: Apostles' Creed*** 192

***The Offertory: Create in Me*** 192

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

(Please be seated)

## ***The Collection of the Offering***

(Please stand)

## ***The Prayer of the Church***

Pastor: ... Lord, in your mercy.

People: **Hear our prayer.**

## **The Service of the Sacrament (208)**

Pastor: As we approach the Lord's Table, may the Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, and now we praise you that you sent your only-begotten Son and that in him, being found in fashion as a man, you 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:

People: **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth adored; Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name. Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord; Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

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

People: **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by 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 Institution***

**Pastor:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People:** And also with you.

### ***The Sharing of the Peace.***

### ***The Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)***

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Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

(Please be seated until it is your time to commune.)

### ***The Distribution***

**We welcome to the Lord's Table all who have been baptized in the name of the Trine 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***

Great Is Thy Faithfulness	809
Eat This Bread	638
The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want	710

## ***Post-Communion Canticle*** 181

Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell everyone what He has done.  
Let everyone who seeks the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.  
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving.  
Alleluia, alleluia.

## ***Benediction***

**Pastor:** 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:*** In Thee Is Gladness 818

## ***The Postlude***

### **† Service Participants †**

The Officiant:	The Rev. Duncan McLellan
Pastoral Assistant:	Darren Eliker
The Organist:	Paula Gardner
The Elders:	Jim Neill and David Hutula
The Acolytes:	Joshua Gielarowski and Mia Case
The Greeters:	Gielarowski Family and Elsie DallaPiazza
The Ushers:	Bill Becker, Brent Miller, Wayne Oechslein, & Larry Zreliak and Richard Quinlan, Robert Oelschlager, & Ross Chilcott
Altar Guild:	Janet and Marian Oelschlager

