

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

First



SUNDAY
IN LENT

First Sunday in Lent
March 13, 2011



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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The **Altar Flowers** have been given to the Glory of God by Dorothea Heslop in memory of her loved ones and by Dick and Carolyn Wible in memory of their loved ones.

The **Eternal Light** is lit to the Glory of the God by Elsie DallaPiazza in memory of Richard O'Donnell.

Food Bank Collection is TODAY! The item of the month is canned or dried fruit.

A Special Door Offering will be taken TODAY and March 20th for Rachael Quinlan, our college student studying for church work at Concordia College in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

WE NEED YOUR BEDROOMS! The Lutheran Northwest High School Choir is coming in less than three weeks! The 55 10-12th graders need a place to stay the night of the 26th. All you have to do is take them to your humble abode following the concert and bring them back in time for church Sunday morning. It's a good chance for you to show your appreciation and approval for their work in proclaiming the gospel through the gift of sacred music.

Make plans to attend the **Sacred Concert** at Zion Lutheran featuring the A Capella & Chamber Choirs of Lutheran Northwest High School. The concert is free and will be held on Saturday, March 26th at 7:00 p.m.

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.

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Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church!

This is our first Sunday of the season of Lent. Lent is the time of the church year when we look forward to the crucifixion of our Lord Jesus Christ. Lent is a somber season. And yet, this somberness ends not in despair or futility, but in love and adoration for the Savior who gave his life for us on the cross.

The hymn selections for this season in the church year will reflect the season, focusing in the suffering and death of our Lord Jesus Christ. Our Gospel lessons will still be from the Gospel of John, but our Epistle lessons will be ones that speak to the suffering of Christ.

You are encouraged to make the most of this season by attending Bible Study (or Sunday School) at 9:30 on Sunday morning and the 7:00pm Wednesday Lent Services.

God bless your time in worship this morning, and may God draw you closer to him through the study of his Word and receiving the Lord's Supper.

-Pastor Duncan

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The Divine Service

The Prelude

Introduction to Worship and Announcements

(please stand)

Opening Hymn: O Worship the King

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The Invocation

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

People: **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

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

Pastor: I confess to God Almighty and to you, my brothers and sisters in Christ that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed. I have failed to do what is right and have willfully chosen to do what is wrong. I have dishonored my Lord. 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 and to you, my brothers and sisters in Christ that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed. I have failed to do what is right and have willfully chosen to do what is wrong. I have dishonored my Lord. 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.**

Psalm 110

Leader: The Lord says to my lord: "Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool."

People: **The Lord sends forth from Zion your mighty scepter. Rule in the midst of your enemies!**

Leader: Your people will offer themselves freely on the day of your power, in holy garments;

People: **from the womb of the morning, the dew of your mouth will be yours.**

Leader: The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind, "You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek."

People: **The Lord is at your right hand, he will shatter kings on the day of his wrath.**

Leader: He will execute judgment among the nations, filling them with corpses; he will shatter chiefs over the wide earth.

People: **He will drink from the brook by the way; therefore he will lift up his head.**

The Collect

Leader: The Lord be with you!

People: **And also with you!**

Leader: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God whose Son assured forgiveness of sins and deliverance from eternal death, strengthen us by your Holy Spirit that our faith in Christ increase daily and we hold fast the hope that we shall not die but fall asleep and on the last day be raised to eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

The Service of the Word

The Old Testament Lesson: Exodus 29:1, 10-14

“Now this is what you shall do to them to consecrate them that they may serve me as priests....

Then you shall bring the bull before the tent of meeting. Aaron and his sons shall lay their hands on the head of the bull. Then you shall kill the bull before the Lord at the entrance to the tent of meeting, and shall take part of the blood of the bull and put it on the horns of the altar with your finger, and the rest of the blood you shall pour out at the base of the altar.

And you shall take all the fat that covers the entrails, and the long lobe of the liver, and the two kidneys with the fat that is on them, and burn them on the altar. But the flesh of the bull and its skin and its dung you shall burn with fire outside the camp; it is a sin offering.”

The New Testament Lesson: Hebrews 7:11-17, 22-28

Now if perfection had been attainable through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need would there have been for another priest to arise after the order of Melchizedek, rather than one named after the order of Aaron?

For when there is a change in the priesthood, there is necessarily a change in the law as well. For the one of whom these things are spoken belonged to another tribe, from which no one has ever served at the altar.

For it is evident that our Lord was descended from Judah, and in connection with that tribe Moses said nothing about priests. This becomes even more evident when another priest arises in the likeness of Melchizedek, who has become a priest, not on the basis of a legal requirement concerning bodily descent, but by the power of an indestructible life. For it is witnessed of him, “You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek.”

This makes Jesus the guarantor of a better covenant. The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those

who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

For it was indeed fitting that we should have a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, since he did this once for all when he offered up himself. For the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a son who has been made perfect forever.

(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 6th Chapter

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

The Gospel: John 6:16-21

When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing.

When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were frightened. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid."

Then they were glad to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat was at the land to which they were going.

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: In the Cross of Christ I Glory

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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. You bid your people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs to the children of God. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and singing:

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

Glory Be to Jesus	433
Jesus, I Will Ponder Now	440
What Is This Bread	629

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!**

<i>The Recessional:</i> Praise to the Lord, the Almighty	790
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The Postlude

† *Service Participants* †

The Officiant:	The Rev. Duncan McLellan
Pastoral Assistant:	Darren Elikier
The Organist:	Paula Gardner
The Elders:	Jim Neill and David Hutula
The Acolytes:	Sara Vallelunga and Molly Oelschlager
The Greeters:	Bob & Shelly James and Rose Steranko
The Ushers:	Bill Becker, Brent Miller, Wayne Oechslein, & Larry Zreliak and Richard Quinlan, Robert Oelschlager, & Ross Chilcott
Altar Guild:	Janet and Marian Oelschlager

COMMUNITY NEWS

Holy Child School is again holding their annual Fish Fry. Fish fries are held every Friday until Easter in the school cafeteria from 4 to 7pm. The school is located at 220 Station Street, Bridgeville. Take-out orders are available starting at 3pm every Friday -- Call 412-221-4720. Please consider letting them do the cooking for you on Friday nights!

Lutherans for Life Pittsburgh Chapter 255 is sponsoring a Celebration of National Down Syndrome Day on Sunday, March 20th from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at First Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 535 N. Neville St., Pittsburgh, PA 15213.

Presto Volunteer Fire Department will be holding a vendor show on Saturday, April 9th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Presto Fire Department, 5228 Thoms Run Road, Presto, PA 15142.

WEEK OF March 13-20, 2011

SUNDAY 3/13	8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion (Sanctuary) 9:15 AM – Bible Study and Sunday School 10:30 AM – Worship w/Communion (Sanctuary)
MONDAY 3/14	6:00 AM – Men’s Bible Breakfast (Undercroft) 6:00 PM – 7 th Grade Confirmation (Conference Room) 7:00 PM – 8 th Grade Confirmation (Conference Room)
TUESDAY 3/15	7:00 PM – Interaction Committee Meeting 8:00 PM – Women’s Bible Study (Church Basement)
WEDNESDAY 3/16	7:00 PM –Lenten Service
THURSDAY 3/17	10:00 AM – Bible Study (Conference Room) 6:00 PM – Worship Team Meeting 7:00 PM – Choir Rehearsal
FRIDAY 3/18	6:30 PM – Bowling (AMF Mt. Lebanon)
SATURDAY 3/19	
SUNDAY 3/20	8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion (Sanctuary) 9:15 AM – Bible Study and Sunday School 10:30 AM – Worship w/Communion (Sanctuary)

OUR ATTENDANCE:

Last Sunday	159
Ash Wednesday	90
Bible Class	40

OUR OFFERINGS:

Last Sunday	\$3,687.00
Ash Wednesday	\$1,448.00
Year to Date	\$169,509.39