

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



LENT

*March 16, 2011*

# ***LENT Midweek Service***

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

Thank you for making the worship of God a priority in your life! There are many other things you could be doing at the end of a long and busy day (or, more likely, NEAR the end of a long and busy day), but you chose to be here. I know that you will be blessed by your time here because Jesus is here. He's here to give you his Word and strengthen your faith, and giving you encouragement for living your life under his Father's care.

Our theme for this season of Lent is PRAYER. Last week we spent some time taking a look at the Lord's Prayer from Matthew 6. We saw how the prayer is meant to be prayed alone, yet begins with the word "our." We saw how the focus of the Lord's Prayer is forgiveness. And we saw how forgiveness is much easier for us to give than it was for God to give us.

This week, we focus our attention on one of the prayers Moses made. What did he pray for? What made him offer the prayer? Leading 2.6 million Israelites through the wilderness for two generations when you are over 80 years old will make you a person of prayer. So will living a life of faith in the Son of God.

Legend has it that Martin Luther spent two hours on an average day in prayer. When he had a particularly busy day, he'd spend three.

God bless your time in worship this evening.

-Pastor Duncan

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# Service of the Word

## *The Prelude*

## *Introduction to Worship*

## *Hymn-sing*

Before the service begins, offer your hymn requests to the pianist. We'll spend some time singing your favorites! Out of respect for our Lenten traditions, please do not choose hymns that contain "alleluias".

## *Announcements*

(please stand)

**Opening Hymn:** O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

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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*

**Pastor:** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**People:** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

**Pastor:** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**People:** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, but what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in**

**Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

## ***The Prayers***

### ***The Lord's Prayer***

### ***The Apostles' Creed***

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(Please be seated)

## ***The Offering***

## ***The Scripture Lessons***

Exodus 32:[7-10] 11-14

[And the Lord said to Moses, "Go down, for your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves. They have turned aside quickly out of the way that I commanded them. They have made for themselves a golden calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!"

And the Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, and behold, it is a stiff-necked people. Now therefore let me alone, that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them, in order that I may make a great nation of you."]

But Moses implored the Lord his God and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you have brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and a mighty hand? Why should the

Egyptians say, ‘With evil intent did he bring them out, to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from your burning anger and relent from this disaster against your people.

Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, to whom you swore by your own self, and said to them, ‘I will multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your offspring, and they shall inherit it forever.’” And the Lord relented from the disaster that he had spoken of bringing on his people.

## Luke 5:12-16

While he was in one of the cities, there came a man full of leprosy. And when he saw Jesus, he fell on his face and begged him, “Lord, if you will, you can make me clean.”

And Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, “I will; be clean.” And immediately the leprosy left him. And he charged him to tell no one, but “go and show yourself to the priest, and make an offering for your cleansing, as Moses commanded, for a proof to them.”

But now even more the report about him went abroad, and great crowds gathered to hear him and to be healed of their infirmities. But he would withdraw to desolate places to pray.

## ***Sermon***

### ***The Final Prayer***

### ***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:*** Son of God, Eternal Savior

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### ***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:	Sydney Harris
The Ushers:	Bill Becker, Brent Miller, Wayne Oechslein, & Larry Zreliak and Richard Quinlan, Robert Oelschlager, & Ross Chilcott
Altar Guild:	Janet and Marian Oelschlager