

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Third



SUNDAY
IN LENT

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March 27, 2011



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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The **Altar Flowers** have been given to the Glory of God by Rita and Tim Sheldon in memory of their Loved Ones and by Joe DePalma in memory of his mother, Margaret DePalma.

The **Eternal Light** is lit to the Glory of the God by Bob and Shelly James in memory of Shelly's mother, Betty Amos.

Would you like to order **EASTER FLOWERS** to decorate the church for Easter Sunday? You may do so in honor or in memory of your Loved Ones. Simply fill out the form found in the bulletin or on the Narthex table and slip it with your payment in the Flower Order Box. Your flowers will beautify the sanctuary on Easter Sunday morning and you can take them home with you after the 10:30 service. Deadline to place your flower orders is Sunday, April 10th.

Our **Paper Retriever Bin** is finally here! Please help the church and preschool raise money by bringing your paper recycling and dropping it in the bin. **Items allowed:** newspapers, magazines/catalogs, office/school paper, mail, paperback books, & shredded paper in a clear plastic bag. **Items not allowed:** Phone books, cardboard, paper towels, hard-cover books, plastics, metals, & other garbage.

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. **237 bars of soap have already been collected!** Let's make sure to reach our goal of 200 bars donated by the end of March.

The following 2011 dates are still available to sponsor the **Eternal Light:** April 17, May 15, July 17, July 31, August 7, & August 21 and the **Altar Flowers:** April 3, May 15, June 5, June 12 (2), & July 31. See Nancy Klemash to sign up!

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Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church!

This week, we have the Lutheran Northwest A Cappella and Chamber Choirs singing during worship. Coming from Rochester Hills, Michigan, these 55 10-12th graders will bring God's Word to us through music. We'd like to thank them and their director, Molly Rohde, for sharing their gifts with us this morning.

This week, we continue our 3-part series-within-a-series on the "Bread of Life" discourse from the second half of John 6.

More than the manna God gave the Israelites in the wilderness, Jesus, the Bread of Life, never goes bad. He is always sufficient for all we need in this life and the next. And so the question is: why was the crowd who heard Jesus say these things so upset that he said them?

Just as he is always more than sufficient to make right what sin made wrong in our lives and the whole of creation, Jesus is also always rejected by those he loves, those he came to save. And the question remains: why? Our text this morning will help us understand both what Jesus did to forgive and defeat sin as well as why he is almost always rejected. 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: All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name 549

The Invocation

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

People: **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

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.**

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

People: **Amen.**

O Clap Your Hands (Lutheran Northwest Choir)

The Collect

Leader: The Lord be with you!

People: **And also with you!**

Leader: Let us pray. God our Father, your Son grew in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and men. Bless, guide, and govern the children and young people of your Church by your Holy Spirit that they may grow in grace and in knowledge of your Word. Grant that they may serve you well and usefully, developing their talents not for their own sakes but for the glory of God and the welfare of their neighbor. Protect and defend them from all harm and danger, giving your holy angels charge over them; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

The Service of the Word

The Old Testament Lesson: Numbers 14:26-35

And the Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying, "How long shall this wicked congregation grumble against me? I have heard the grumbings of the people of Israel, which they grumble against me.

Say to them, 'As I live, declares the Lord, what you have said in my hearing I will do to you: your dead bodies shall fall in this wilderness, and of all your number, listed in the census from twenty years old and upward, who have grumbled against me, not one shall come into the land where I swore that I would make you dwell, except Caleb the son of Jephunneh and Joshua the son of Nun. But your little ones, who you said would become a prêtre, I will bring in, and they shall know the land that you have rejected. But as for you, your dead bodies shall fall in this wilderness. And your children shall be shepherds in the wilderness forty years and shall suffer for your faithfulness,

until the last of your dead bodies lies in the wilderness. According to the number of the days in which you spied out the land, forty days, a year for each day, you shall bear your iniquity forty years, and you shall know my displeasure.’

I, the Lord, have spoken. Surely this will I do to all this wicked congregation who are gathered together against me: in this wilderness they shall come to a full end, and there they shall die.”

The New Testament Lesson: Acts 24:14-21

“But this I confess to you, that according to the Way, which they call a sect, I worship the God of our fathers, believing everything laid down by the Law and written in the Prophets, having a hope in God, which these men themselves accept, that there will be a resurrection of both the just and the unjust. So I always take pains to have a clear conscience toward both God and man.

Now after several years I came to bring alms to my nation and to present offerings. While I was doing this, they found me purified in the temple, without any crowd or tumult. But some Jews from Asia—they ought to be here before you and to make an accusation, should they have anything against me.

Or else let these men themselves say what wrongdoing they found when I stood before the council, others than this one thing that I cried out while standing among them: ‘It is with respect to the resurrection of the dead that I am on trial before you this day’.”

If Ye Love Me (Lutheran Northwest Choir)

(Out of respect for our Lord Jesus Christ, please rise)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 6th Chapter

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

The Gospel: John 6:35-59

Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe.

All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me.

And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.”

So the Jews grumbled about him, because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” They said, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven’?”

Jesus answered them, “Do not grumble among yourselves. No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day. It is written in the Prophets; ‘And they will all be taught by God.’

Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me—not that anyone has seen the Father except he who is from God; he has seen the Father. Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him.

As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like the bread the fathers ate and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.” Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught in Capernaum.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: **(sing) Praise be to thee, O Christ!**

(Please be seated)

The Sermon Hymn: The Church's One Foundation 644

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

E'en So Lord Jesus Quickly Come (Lutheran Northwest Choir)

(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 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

The King of Love My Shepherd Is (Lutheran Northwest Choir)

Christ Be My Leader 861

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence 621

Sent Forth By God's Blessing 643

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: Lift High the Cross 837

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:	Anthony Vallelunga and Mia Case
The Greeters:	Carl & Karen Bauer and Dick & Carolyn Wible
The Ushers:	Bill Becker, Brent Miller, Wayne Oechslein, & Larry Zreliak and Richard Quinlan, Robert Oelschlager, & Ross Chilcott
Altar Guild:	Janet and Marian Oelschlager

