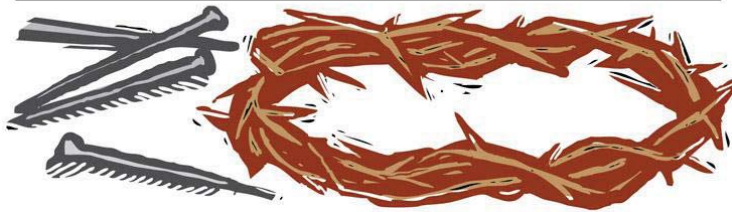
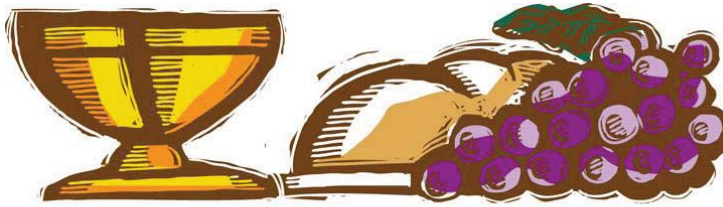


ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



HOLY WEEK

Sixth Sunday in Lent
April 17, 2011



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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The **Altar Flowers** have been given to the Glory of God by Kevin and Sheila Ferry in honor of Kevin's birthday and by Steve, Lori, and Megan Gauger in memory of Steve's mother Gloria Gauger.

The **Eternal Light** is lit to the Glory of the God by Elsie DallaPiazza in memory of her grandparents Julia and Andrew Wagner.

There will be a **short meeting** (5-10 minutes) after the late service TODAY for all those interested in the LIMiT trip. Please attend if you are interested in the trip or contact Pastor Duncan in the coming week for more information.

There will be an **Easter Breakfast** between services next Sunday. The menu will be: Cranberry Walnut French Toast, Sausage Patties, Orange Tapioca Tart, Breakfast Apple Bake, and Crusted Ham - Almond Bake.

Bowling News: Due to a Tournament at AMF Lanes/Bowling City, they've changed our final bowling date from May 13th to May 6th! Final bowling schedule: April 29th and May 6th with the bowling banquet on May 27th. The banquet will be held at Al's Cafe. The bowling website can be accessed through www.zlcb.org.

Thank you so much for your continued participation in our **Paper Recycling Drive**. We have already filled the bin and had our first pick-up! Now there is plenty of room to add more. **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.

The following 2011 dates are still available to sponsor the **Eternal Light:** May 15, July 31, August 7 and 21, September 11 and 25, October 2 and 9, & December 4 and 11 and the **Altar Flowers:** November 27, December 4, & December 11. See Nancy Klemash to sign up!

Sixth Sunday in Lent

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Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church!

Palm Sunday, the Sunday before Easter, and the last Sunday of Lent, is a special time in the church year. Palm Sunday is a remembrance of when Jesus came into Jerusalem for the last time, accompanied by crowds of supporters who had followed him from the north. We know how the story goes, though, and those who supported Jesus on Sunday would abandon him on Friday. Their shouts of “Hosanna” seem misplaced in view of the cross, and yet this is exactly when and where Jesus comes “in the name of the Lord” for all people.

And while it is Palm Sunday, we are also in the midst of our study of the Gospel of John. It is appropriate that, as we enter “Holy Week,” we receive a reading where Jesus tells us: “the truth will set you free.” The truth will be given to us in the coming week, as we follow Jesus to the upper room and into the Garden of Gethsemane. He will go from the court of one ruler to the next: a mock-trial in front of Caiaphas, and a politician named Pilate. A hill named Golgotha will mean death, but it will not mean the end.

Following Christ, we arrive at the start of a new week, Easter Sunday, where we will be set free from the truth of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Our journey begins with the cry of “hosanna.” It will end with the silence of a tomb in which no one lays.

-Pastor Duncan

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The Divine Service

The Prelude

Introduction to Worship and Announcements

(please stand)

Opening Hymn: All Glory, Laud, and Honor

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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: 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.**

The Collect

Pastor: The Lord be with you!

People: **And also with you!**

Pastor: Let us pray. Keep in remembrance, O Lord, the tempted, the distressed, and the erring; gently guide them and by your great goodness bring them into the way of peace and truth. Let the light of your truth shine on those who do not know you that they may be turned toward you and so find peace. Graciously regard all who are in trouble, danger, temptation, bondage of sin, and those to whom death draws near. In your mercy draw them to yourself; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

The Service of the Word

The Old Testament Lesson: Deuteronomy 7:6-11

“For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth.

It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the Lord set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, but it is because the Lord loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the Lord has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations, and repays to their face those who hate him, by destroying them.

He will not be slack with one who hates him. He will repay him to his face. You shall therefore be careful to do the commandment and the statutes and the rules that I command you today.”

The New Testament Lesson: Galatians 5:1, 13-24

For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.... For you were called to freedom, brothers.

Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.

But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

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

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 8th Chapter

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

The Gospel: John 8:31-38

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?"

Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who

commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

I know that you are offspring of Abraham; yet you seek to kill me because my word finds no place in you. I speak of what I have seen with my Father, and you do what you have heard from your father.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

(Please be seated)

Hear the Children Sing Hosanna - - Adult & Children's Choir

The Children's Message (10:30)

The Sermon Hymn: Beautiful Savior 537

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 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

Lamb of God	550
My Hope is Built on Nothing Less	576
Eat This Bread	638

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: Great Is Thy Faithfulness

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The Postlude

‡ *Service Participants* ‡

The Officiant:	The Rev. Duncan McLellan
Pastoral Assistant:	Darren Elikier
The Organist:	Paula Gardner
The Elders:	Tom Erbrecht & Paul Klemash
The Acolytes:	Joshua Gielarowski and Sydney Harris
The Greeters:	Bill & Carol Schrag and Richard & Sandra Quinlan
The Ushers:	Carl Bauer, Gene Koop, & Ron Meier, and Joe Gielarowski, Rachel Klemash, & Andy Weldon
Altar Guild:	Debra LaJeunesse, Carrie Lemonovich, & Carolyn Wible

Community News

A **Replenishment Blood Drive** will be held TODAY, April 17, until 3:00 pm at the Bridgeville Volunteer Fire Department at 370 Commercial St. This blood drive is sponsored by the Central Blood Bank in response to a need to replenish the community blood supply to help Ashley Schantz (26) who was recently diagnosed with an autoimmune disease that has required her to receive 12 blood transfusions since March 9, 2011. Please come out and give blood.

New Eyes for the Needy will be collecting used eyeglasses in order to recondition them and give them to those in need. Daniel Spittel, a Life Scout in Boy Scout Troop 373, will be conducting a collection drive by placing a collection box in our Narthex. Please bring your used eyeglasses and place them in the box between Easter Sunday, April 24th, and Pentecost Sunday, June 12th.

Bethany Presbyterian Church – Presbyterian Women will be holding a **Rummage Sale** on April 30th from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm in the church Great Room. Proceeds will benefit their mission's project. Breakfast and lunch items will also be for sale.

Concordia Lutheran Ministries will be hosting its **Sixth Annual Fashion Show** on Saturday, May 14 at Butler Country Club. The planning committee is excited to add the vendor mall this year so guests can arrive by 10 a.m. to shop. Vendors include: handbags and jewelry by Neveah, jewelry by Premier Designs, fashion accessories from One Brilliant Boutique, handmade notes with tatted lace, a Pampered Chef representative and caramel chocolate covered pretzels and candy from "Pretzel Crazy" among others. There are some tickets left. Call Public Relations at 724/352-1571, ext. 8266. Proceeds are donated to Concordia Lutheran Ministries Good Samaritan Endowment Fund.

WEEK OF April 17-24, 2011

SUNDAY 4/17	8:00 AM – Worship (Sanctuary) 9:15 AM – Bible Study and Sunday School 10:30 AM – Worship (Sanctuary)
MONDAY 4/18	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 4/19	7:00 PM – Interaction Committee Meeting 8:00 PM – Women’s Bible Study (Church Basement)
WEDNESDAY 4/20	7:00 PM –Lenten Service
THURSDAY 4/21	7:00 PM – Maundy Thursday Service
FRIDAY 4/22	7:00 PM –Good Friday Service
SATURDAY 4/23	
SUNDAY 4/24	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	178
Bible Class	38
Lent Mid-Week Service	70

OUR OFFERINGS:

Last Sunday	\$3,843.00
Lent Service 4/6	\$557.00
Lent Service 4/13	\$559.00
Year to Date	\$199,322.09