

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



LENT

*April 20, 2011*



# *Sixth Wednesday of Lent*

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

And so it begins...

Midweek Lenten Service tonight, Maundy Thursday tomorrow, Good Friday the day after that, and Easter Sunday right around the corner. That's a lot of church!

Why would anyone want to spend that much time in church?

To be honest, I don't think I ever went to services 4 out of 5 days even when I was in Seminary. This is the first time as a Pastor I've tried this worship schedule. But I wanted to afford God's people as many opportunities to listen to the Word, pray together and meet together to worship as we contemplate the suffering, death and resurrection of our Lord. It's good for the church to keep its doors open for worship during this special time of year, as God's people respond to the atonement God provided for them in Christ.

With the cross in full view (as well as the empty tomb) and the unconditional love of God on display, why wouldn't you want to worship?

God bless your time in worship this week and weekend, keep you safe on your travels, and strengthen your faith in the crucified and risen Lord!

-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:** Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

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## *The Invocation*

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

**People:** Amen.

## *Confession and Absolution*

**Leader:** 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.**

**Leader:** 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, by 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.**

Leader: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a 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 Lesson***

### **Revelation 6:9-11**

When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the witness they had borne.

They cried out in a loud voice, "O Sovereign Lord, holy and true, how long before you will judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?"

Then they were each given a white robe and told to rest a little longer, until the number of their fellow servants and their brothers should be complete, who were to be killed as they themselves had been.

### **Matthew 10:16-23**

"Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of men, for they will deliver you over to courts and flog you in their synagogues, and you will be dragged

before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them and the Gentiles.

When they deliver you over, do not be anxious how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you in that hour. For it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.

Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, and you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes."

## ***Sermon***

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

### ***Benediction***

**Leader:** 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:*** Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

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### ***The Postlude***

† *Service Participants* †

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| The Officiant:      | The Rev. Duncan McLellan  |
| Pastoral Assistant: | Darren Elikar   |
| The Organist:       | Paula Gardner   |
| The Elders:         | Tom Erbrecht & Paul Klemash   |
| The Acolytes:       | Anthony Vallelunga  |
| The Ushers:         | Carl Bauer, Gene Koop, & Ron Meier and<br>Joe Gielarowski, Rachel Klemash,<br>& Andy Weldon |
| Altar Guild:        | Debra LaJeunesse, Carrie Lemonovich,<br>& Carolyn Wible                                     |