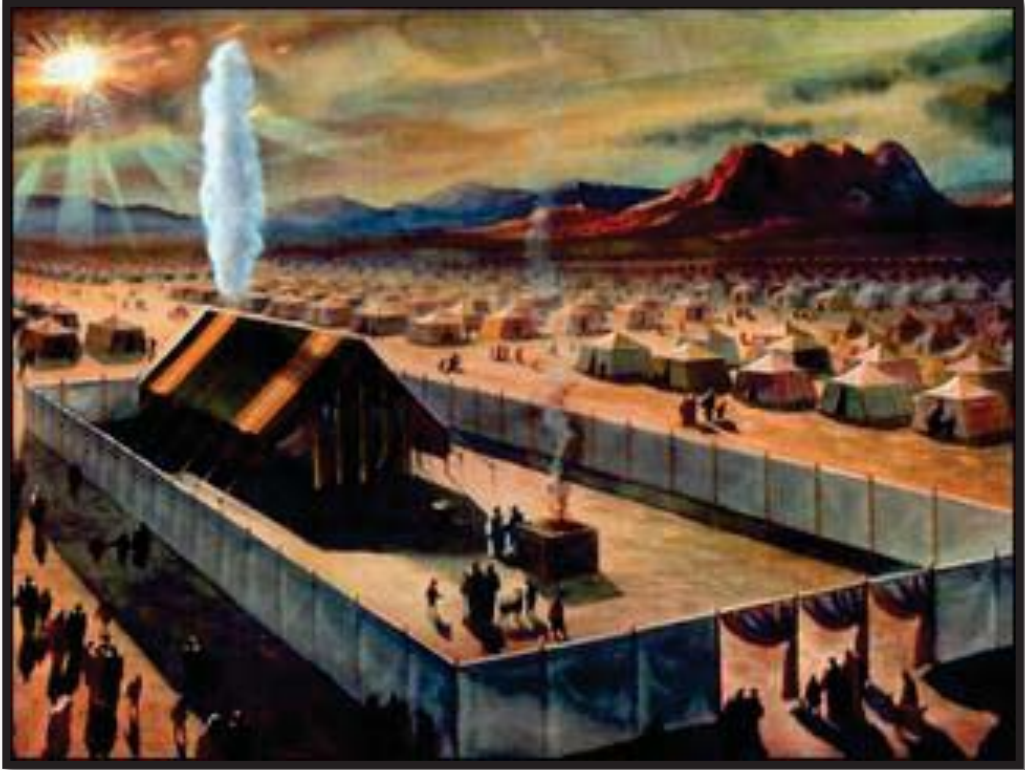


# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



*6<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Epiphany  
February 19, 2012*



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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EPIPHANY

The **Altar Flowers** have been given to the Glory of God by Tom and Kim Erbrecht in honor of Sarah, Tom, & Zachary Erbrecht and Kathy Pallaria's birthdays and by Barbara Gall in memory of her loved ones.

The **Eternal Light** is lit to the Glory of God by Roxanne Burgh in memory of her husband, George Burgh.

**Ash Wednesday**, February 22<sup>nd</sup> marks the beginning of the season of Lent. Services will be on Wednesdays during the season of Lent, starting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of February, at 7:00pm and will focus on the prayers of Jesus. Following the services, there will be desserts and coffee in the church basement.

The **Baby Bottle Donation** deadline has passed, but if you still have filled baby bottles it is not too late! Drop them off in the narthex or at the church office **ASAP!**

We are collecting **SOAP for Lutheran World Relief** throughout the months of February and March. Please help us reach our goal by placing your donations in either the church narthex or greenhouse areas.

**BOWLING Make-Up Date:** As Zion League Bowlers may recall, week 11 of our season was canceled due to a Winter Weather Advisory. Bowlers may also recall that it never even snowed (during bowling hours) after the National Weather Service predicted, and I quote "freezing rain, sleet and snow, with a quarter inch of ice and 1 to 4 inches of snow." Therefore, we've scheduled a make-up date. It's Friday March 23 at 6:30 p.m. If you can't make it, no problem, you may "roll off" anytime between now and then ... just call for lane availability before arriving. Make sure you stop at the front desk and tell them you want to "Roll off for Zion Lutheran Church's Friday March 23<sup>rd</sup> make up night." If you have any additional questions, just write to League Secretary Marianne Miller: [marianne@millersquared.com](mailto:marianne@millersquared.com).

# ***6<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Epiphany***

## ***February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012***

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

This last week, our Bible-in-a-Year readings took us through the end of Exodus and into the beginning of Leviticus. We read about how the Tabernacle was to be constructed, how the priests were to be dressed, how various offerings were to be made, and when God's faithful people were to make pilgrimages to his holy house. As I was reading these chapters day after day, I kept thinking to myself: "what would it have been like to live like that? What was it like to have every detail of your religious life prescribed for you, to have the presence of God physically manifested before your eyes day after day, and to have to have your proximity to God based on your ethical and ceremonial righteousness?"

I have no idea. And, to be honest with you, I am glad that I have no idea.

Thankfully, Christ comes to us and does not demand or ask that we build him a tabernacle, go through a priest to talk to him, or provide him with burnt offerings at various times throughout the year. He does not make us go outside the camp (or town or city) when we sin. Rather, when we sin, he invites us to come to him to receive his forgiveness.

St. Paul writes: "It is for freedom that Christ has set us free." Reading the Old Testament books of Exodus and Leviticus made me realize how much freedom we really have! We have been set free from the Law that continually condemned us, showing us our sin over and over. We have been set free from a system that demanded we be holy, and have been given over to a Savior that has made us holy.

-Pastor Duncan

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# The Divine Service

## *The Prelude*

(Please take a moment to fill out the Attendance books. Thank you!!)

## *Introduction to Worship and Announcements*

*Opening Hymn:* Lift High the Cross

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## *The Invocation*

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

People: Amen.

(Matthew 28:18-20)

## *Confession and Absolution*

(Hebrews 10:22)

Pastor: The Lord chose to dwell with his people in the Old Testament in the tabernacle, and later, the temple. Priests were consecrated, offerings were made, and only those Israelites who were deemed “clean” could come near to the presence of God. As God’s New Testament people, we have the Spirit of God and Jesus actually living in us. It is only fitting that God’s dwelling place be holy, set apart from sin and sanctified. Let us therefore confess our sins to God and receive his forgiveness.

People: **Father in heaven, we ask that you would forgive our sins; the thoughts and deeds of which we are ashamed, as well as those of which we are unaware. You have called us to be your holy people. By the blood of Jesus, make us holy again. Amen.**

(Luke 18:13)

*The Absolution* (spoken by the Pastor)

People: Amen.

(John 20:19-23)

*The Hymn of Praise:* This is the Feast

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## ***The Prayer of the Church***

**Pastor:** ... Lord, in your mercy.

**People:** **Hear our prayer.**

## **The Service of the Word**

### **The Old Testament Lesson: Exodus 40:34-48**

Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. And Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud settled on it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. Throughout all their journeys, whenever the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the people of Israel would set out. But if the cloud was not taken up, then they did not set out till the day that it was taken up. For the cloud of the LORD was on the tabernacle by day, and fire was in it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel throughout all their journeys.

### ***The Choir Anthem (10:30)***

### **The Psalm of the Day: Psalm 49**

To the choirmaster. A Psalm of the Sons of Korah

Hear this, all peoples! Give ear, all inhabitants of the world,

Both low and high, rich and poor together!

My mouth shall speak wisdom; the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.

I will incline my ear to a proverb; I will solve my riddle to the music of the lyre.

Why should I fear in times of trouble, when the iniquity of those who cheat me surrounds me,

Those who trust in their wealth and boast of the abundance of their riches?

Trust no man can ransom another, or give to God the price of his life,

For the ransom of their life is costly and can never suffice,

That he should live on forever and never see the pit.

For he sees that even the wise die; the fool and the stupid alike must perish and leave their wealth to others.

Their graves are their homes forever, their dwelling places to all generations, though they called lands by their own names.

Man in his pomp will not remain; he is like the beasts that perish.

This is the path of those who have foolish confidence;

Yet after them people approve of their boasts.

Like sheep they are appointed for Sheol; death shall be their shepherd,

And the upright shall rule over them in the morning.

Their form shall be consumed in Sheol, with no place to dwell.

But God will ransom my soul from the power of Sheol, for he will receive me.

Be not afraid when a man becomes rich, when the glory of his house increases.

For when he dies he will carry nothing away; his glory will not go down after him.

For though, while he lives, he counts himself blessed—and though you get praise when you do well for yourself—his soul will go to the generation of his fathers,

Who never again see light.

Man in his pomp yet without understanding is like the beasts that perish.

**Pastor:** The Holy Gospel, according to St. John the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter.

**People:** **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

## **The Gospel Lesson: John 2:13-22**

The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make my

Father's house a house of trade." His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me."

So the Jews said to him, "What sign do you show us for doing these things?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking about the temple of his body. When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

### ***The Children's Message*** (10:30)

***The Sermon Hymn:*** Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 802

### ***Sermon***

(Please stand)

### ***The Creed:*** Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,

Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

Born of the Virgin Mary,

Suffered under Pontius Pilate,

Was crucified, died and was buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

And sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

The holy Christian Church,

The communion of saints,

The forgiveness of sins,  
The resurrection of the body,  
And the life everlasting. Amen!

(Please be seated)

### ***The Collection of the Offering***

(Please stand)

## **The Service of the Sacrament**

Pastor: In our Old Testament Lesson this morning, we saw the glory of God fill the tabernacle so that no one (not even Moses) could enter. This morning, the glory of the Lord fills this house of worship. Only instead of a cloud, the glory of the Lord comes to us as the crucified and risen Christ. The glory of the Lord comes to us with grace and forgiveness, love and eternal life. May the glory of the risen Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray:

**People: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be 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)***

*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.*

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*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***

When Peace Like a River	763
Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me	722
The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord	634

(Please stand)

### ***Post-Communion Canticle*** 164

*Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell everyone what He has done.*

*Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.*

*He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving.*

*Alleluia, alleluia.*

### ***Benediction***

Pastor: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

(2 Corinthians 13:14)

People: Amen!

***The Recessional:*** Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng

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## † *Service Participants* †

The Officiant:	The Rev. Duncan McLellan
Pastoral Assistant:	Darren Elikier
The Organist:	Paula Gardner
The Elders:	Michael Sterba & John Gielarowski
The Acolytes:	Anthony Vallelunga & Sydney Harris
The Greeters:	Bob & Nancy Spotti and the Quinlan Family
The Ushers:	Carl Bauer, Gene Koop, Ron Meier, & Jack Oelschlager and Neil Ackerman, Chuck LaJeunesse, Brian Pasquini, & Lois Sauro
Altar Guild:	Sarah Ali & Melanie Becker

