

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



*Fifth Sunday of Epiphany
February 6, 2011*



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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The **Altar Flowers** have been given to the Glory of God by Steve, Lori, and Megan Gauger in memory of Steve's dad, Warren Gauger and by Elsie DallaPiazza to the Glory of God.

The **Eternal Light** is lit to the Glory of the God by the in memory of.

FOOD BANK COLLECTION will be next Sunday February 13th. The item of the month is cereal and breakfast food. Thank you for your donations on January 9th. During the January 15th distribution, 95 families were assisted which included 40 children, 86 adults and 54 of the elderly. Your participation in this vital ministry is greatly appreciated.

YOUTH SKI TRIP to Seven Springs on Saturday, February 26th. Leaving from the church at 1:00 pm and returning by midnight. The cost is \$50.00 for rentals and lift ticket.

HOUSING NEEDED: 55 young people (10th-12th grade) are coming to town from Lutheran Northwest High School in Rochester Hills, Michigan on March 26 and will need homes to stay in. This choir will be performing at the church Saturday night (7pm) and Sunday morning (during the worship service). Interested in playing host? Contact Pastor Duncan or the church office!

FREE (WILL) SACRED CONCERT featuring the A Cappella and Chamber Choirs from Lutheran Northwest High School, Rochester Hills, Michigan on Saturday, March 26th at 7:00 pm at Zion Lutheran Church. You are invited to come and listen as music is used to express the powerful message of the Gospel!

Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

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Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church!

This week, Darren will take you through an encounter Jesus had with a Samaritan woman. Unlike today, where conversations between a man and a woman from different regions are as abnormal as a Facebook status update, in Jesus' day, this kind of conversation was strictly Taboo.

More than simply breaking with the customs of the day and thumbing his nose at the prejudices of the people who surrounded him, Jesus reaches out to someone with good news that others were unwilling to bring.

And yet, this text is far less about racial equality than it is about the lengths Jesus goes to in order to bring salvation to people. Just as much as the gospel is for people who are in church, who faithfully listen to God's Word and pray ceaselessly, it is also for those who are not here... who refuse to come here, who refuse to pray and who live lives we find revolting. As you listen to God's Word this morning, consider who you know who is not here; someone who refuses to come here, and think and pray about how you can let them know the good news about Jesus!

-Pastor Duncan

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The Divine Service

The Prelude

Introduction to Worship and Announcements

(please stand)

Opening Hymn: Glory Be to God the Father 506

The Invocation

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

People: **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution 254

Leader: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

Leader: I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; 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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Leader: The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins.

People: **Amen.**

The Kyrie

Leader: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

People: Amen

Hymn of Praise: This Is the Feast

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Refrain:

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Worthy is Christ the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be the people of God.

Refrain

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.

Refrain

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation.

Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

Refrain

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

Refrain

The Collect

Leader: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Leader: Let us pray. Gracious Lord, who created all things by the power of your Word, and who created new life by the same, make us bold to be carriers and givers of your Word, that we might be privileged to see you work through us to bring salvation to all people. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord

People: Amen.

(Please be seated)

The Hymn of the Day: Hail O Source of Every Blessing 409

The Service of the Word

The Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 12:1-9

Now the Lord said to Abram: “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother’s son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan.

When they came to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land.

Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him.

From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the Lord and called upon the name of the Lord. And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

The New Testament Lesson: Romans 9:30-10:4

What shall we say, then? That Gentiles who did not pursue righteousness have attained it, that is, a righteousness that is by faith; but that Israel who pursued a law that would lead to righteousness did not succeed in reaching that law.

Why? Because they did not pursue it by faith, but as if it were based on works. They have stumbled over the stumbling stone, as it is written, "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge.

For, being ignorant of the righteousness of God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

(In honor of our Lord Jesus Christ, please rise for the reading of the Holy Gospel.)

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 4th Chapter

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

The Gospel: John 4:1-30

Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus was making and baptizing more disciples than John, (although Jesus himself did not baptize, but only his disciples), he left Judea and departed again for Galilee. And he had to pass through Samaria.

So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.)

Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would

have given you living water.” The woman said to him, “Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock.”

Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water.”

Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come here.” The woman answered him, “I have no husband.”

Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true.” The woman said to him, “Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship.”

Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things.” Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am he.”

Just then his disciples came back. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you seek?” or, “Why are you talking with her?”

So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, “Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?” They went out of the town and were coming to him.

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

(Please be seated)

The Children's Message (10:30)

The Sermon Hymn: Chief of Sinners Though I Be 611

Sermon

(Please stand)

The Creed: Nicene Creed 191

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

Leader: ... Lord, in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: These, and all things, we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and our Lord.

People: Amen.

Leader: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

People: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, they 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

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: When Morning Gilds the Skies

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The Postlude

† *Service Participants* †

The Officiant:	The Rev. Duncan McLellan
Pastoral Assistant:	Darren Elikier
The Organist:	Paula Gardner
The Elders:	Mike Sterba & John Gielarowski
The Acolytes:	Sara Vallelunga and Mia Case
The Greeters:	Wayne & Kathleen Conn and Wayne & Barb Oechslein
The Ushers:	Kathleen Conn, Jack Oelschlager, Bill Schrag, & Pam Trentini and Neil Ackerman & Steve Kovach
Altar Guild:	Sarah Ali & Melanie Becker

CHOIR MEMBERS: Please plan on staying after the late service next Sunday for a group picture in the Choir Loft.

Black and Gold Sunday!

Please stay for a group photo after both services.

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