

# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



## The Healing at the Pool

*Seventh Sunday of Epiphany  
February 20, 2011*



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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The **Altar Flowers** have been given to the Glory of God by Ron and Judy Meier in honor of their wedding anniversary and by Tim and Rita Sheldon in memory of Rita's sister, Pat Kripp.

The **Eternal Light** is lit to the Glory of the God by Zion Lutheran Church.

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

The annual Zion Preschool **SPAGHETTI DINNER**, accompanied by an art show and bake sale, will be held on Friday, March 11 with three available seating times: 4:30-5:30, 5:30-6:30, and 6:30-7:30 (take-out is also available). Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for children 10 and under (children 2 and under are free). Tickets can be purchased at the church office or between services. Please contact Tracey Harris if you would like to volunteer to help.

**NEW LOCKS, NEW KEYS** - New locks will be installed at all church entrances on Saturday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. If you or your group needs a new key, make sure to fill out the key request form and submit it to the office or a trustee ASAP. Forms can be found on the Narthex table or can be downloaded from [www.zlcb.org](http://www.zlcb.org).

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.

The funeral for **GEORGE BURGH** will be at 11:00 at the William G Neal funeral home in Washington, PA. There will be a reception lunch back at Zion at 1:00 following the burial. The viewing will be at the funeral home on Sunday and Monday from 2-4 and 7-9.

# *Seventh Sunday of Epiphany*

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

Our trip through John's Gospel continues this week. Jesus moves from Galilee in the north back to Jerusalem in the south. He comes across a man who is paralyzed and he heals him. (This is now the second physical healing Jesus has performed in John's Gospel.) The problem for many people who saw what happened was that it happened on the Sabbath.

Last week in Bible Study, we saw how the Pharisees from Jerusalem accused Jesus' disciples of breaking the "tradition of the elders." Jesus showed them how the "tradition of the elders" actually broke the law God had given them. We see the same thing in our gospel reading this morning. The law to "do no work" on the Sabbath was never intended to prevent what Jesus did when he healed the man. But what Jesus did went against the prevailing wisdom of the day.

In addition to that, when he is questioned about the healing, Jesus says that the reason he "worked" on the Sabbath was because he was doing God's work. More than that, Jesus ends up making himself equal to God, calling God his father.

I don't know what brought you to church this morning. Maybe it's your routine. Maybe you came to thank God for something that happened to you in the past week. Maybe you're looking for answers. Maybe someone brought you. But over the next hour (give or take), turn your attention to Jesus, consider who he is and then dare to ask the question: SO WHAT?

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:*** Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure 533

## *The Invocation*

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

**People:** **Amen.**

***Confession and Absolution*** 254

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

**Pastor:** 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.**

**People:** **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.**

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

**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 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. Lord Jesus Christ, you showed that you did the Father's work by healing a paralytic on the Sabbath. We thank and praise you for doing the Father's work by dying on the cross, healing us from the disease of sin and death. Send us the Holy Spirit that we may continue to abide in this faith until sin is no more and we rise to eternal rest. For you are one God with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

## **The Service of the Word**

### **The Old Testament Lesson: Exodus 20:8-11**

“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God.

On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter,

your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates.

For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.”

### **The New Testament Lesson: Hebrews 4:1-13**

Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it.

For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened.

For we who have believed enter that rest, as he has said, “As I swore in my wrath, ‘They shall not enter my rest’,” although his works were finished from the foundation of the world.

For he has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way: “And God rested on the seventh day from all his works.”

And again in this passage he said, “They shall not enter my rest.” Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience, again he appoints a certain day, “Today,” saying through David so long afterward, in the words already quoted, “Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts.”

For if Joshua had given them rest; God would not have spoken of another day later on. So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, for whoever has entered God’s rest has also rested from his works as God did from his. Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience.

For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

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

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 5<sup>th</sup> Chapter  
People: **(sing) Glory be to Thee, O Lord!**

### **The Gospel: John 5:1-18**

After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Aramaic called Bethesda, which has five roofed colonnades. In these lay a multitude of invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed. One man was there who had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had already been there a long time, he said to him, “Do you want to be healed?” The sick man answered him, “Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am going another steps down before me.” Jesus said to him, “Get up, take up your bed, and walk.” And at once the man was healed, and he took up his bed and walked.

Now that day was the Sabbath. So the Jews said to the man who had been healed, “It is the Sabbath, and it is not lawful for you to take up your bed.” But he answered them, “The man who healed me, that man said to me, ‘Take up your bed and walk.’” They asked him, “Who is the man who said to you, ‘Take up your bed and walk?’”

Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. Afterward Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, “See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse may happen to you.” The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him.

And this was why the Jews were persecuting Jesus, because he was doing these things on the Sabbath. But Jesus answered them, “My Father is working until now, and I am working.” This was why the Jews were seeking all the more to kill him, because not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God.

Pastor: 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: Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word*** 655

### ***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, O Lord, holy Father,

almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we may not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. 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 Trine 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***

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| Lamb of God                  | 550 |
| Father Welcomes              | 605 |
| You Satisfy the Hungry Heart | 641 |

## ***Post-Communion Canticle*** 181

Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell everyone what He has done.  
Let everyone who seeks 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 our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: Amen!

*The Recessional:* Alleluia! Let Praises Ring

822

*The Postlude*

† *Service Participants* †

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| The Officiant:      | The Rev. Duncan McLellan  |
| Pastoral Assistant: | Darren Elikier  |
| The Organist:       | Paula Gardner   |
| The Elders:         | Mike Sterba & John Gielarowski  |
| The Acolytes:       | Missy Radovich and Ryan Harris  |
| The Greeters:       | David & Mary Hutula and<br>George & Jane Kozak  |
| The Ushers:         | Kathleen Conn, Jack Oelschlager,<br>Bill Schrag, & Pam Trentini and<br>Neil Ackerman & Steve Kovach |
| Altar Guild:        | Sarah Ali & Melanie Becker  |

**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 26<sup>th</sup> 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!

