



Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 31, 2019



Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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In Christ's Name, Welcome!

We extend a warm welcome to our guests. Please know you are included in Christ's own invitation to receive God's promise and presence in the "for you" of Holy Communion. Thank you for filling out the bulletin insert especially if you have prayer concerns. We also use this page to welcome and invite newcomers and guests into the events and activities at Zion.

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation. 2 Corinthians 5:17-18

We are Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, committed to being a loving and welcoming community of faith in Jesus Christ. As a community of God we welcome all.

We rejoice in the manner in which diversity enriches, nurtures, and challenges the life and ministry we share in Christ. We embrace actions and attitudes within the Church that assure access to Word and Sacrament regardless of gender identity, sexual orientation, socio-economic or marital status, physical or mental capacities, age or race.

We are a Reconciling in Christ community.

All are welcome! 

Worship Today

- 8:15 am Awakening Worship
- 9:15 am Sunday school
- 10:30 am Worship



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Zion Events This Week

- Monday, April 1st
 - 9 am | Yoga exercise class
 - 11:40 | Let Me Shine - Chapel
 - 5:30 pm | Worship Planning Committee
- Tuesday, April 2nd
 - 3 pm | Book Club
- Wednesday, April 3rd
 - 7 am | Men's Bible Study
 - 9 am | Yoga exercise class
 - 12:15 pm | Conversations in Grace w. Pr. Steve
 - 6 pm | Soup Supper
 - 7:15 pm | Lent Worship
- Thursday, April 4th
 - 6:30 pm | Meditation Group
 - 7 pm | Quilting Without Borders
- Friday, April 5th
 - 9 am | Yoga exercise class
- Sunday, April 7th
 - 8:15 am Awakening Worship
 - 9:15 am Sunday School
 - 10:30 am Traditional Worship

Resources for Worship

- Online Bulletin
 - You can download today's and previous bulletins to your smart phone or tablet to view during worship or at other times. Simply go to www.zelc.org
- Child Care
 - Child care is available downstairs during worship for children 18 months-5 years.
 - Quiet Activity cloth bags are available for young children during worship. Our ushers would be happy to provide you with one.
- Hearing Devices
 - Please speak to an usher if you are in need of a hearing assistance device.

For information on this and other news and events go to zelc.org

Gathering

Welcome

Prelude

(Lee Livingood)

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who gathers us in the wilderness to redeem us,
anoint us,
and make us new.

Amen.

In these forty days, let us be honest, confess our sin,
and receive God’s promise of mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God at the margins,
**We have wandered far from your home;
again and again, we lose our way.
We turn inward, afraid of the world around us.
We forget that you have saved your people before
and promise to do so again.
Do not remember the deeds of our past,
but turn our faces toward the future,
where your forgiveness is sure,
your welcome is clear,
and your love overflows.
Amen.**

Announcement of Forgiveness

Entrance Hymn

Hymn No. 666 || What Wondrous Love Is This

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Word

Scripture

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

One way to describe the gospel is the promise that in Christ everything is transformed into newness. All mistakes, all deliberate sins, all old history is reconciled with Christ's resurrection. This is Paul's strong message to the congregation in the city of Corinth.

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! ¹⁸All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

All children are welcome to join Pastor Steve at the communion rail.



Gospel Verse

“Asante”

(Brandt Parker & friends)

The Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to St Luke, the fifteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Jesus tells a parable about a son who ponders his father's love only after he has spurned it. The grace he receives is beyond his hopes. That same grace is a crisis for an older brother who believed it was his obedience that earned his place in the father's home.

¹Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

³So he told them this parable: ^{11b}“There was a man who had two sons. ¹²The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. ¹³A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. ¹⁴When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.”’ ²⁰So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ ²²But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

²⁵“Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ ²⁸Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ ³¹Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

"Prodigal Love" || Pastor Steven Klemz

A brief silence for reflection.

Hymn of the Day

(Children's Choir)

Celebrating Music Ministry with Ms. Susan

Stories of ministry and joy

Anthem

"Kelele ya furaha" (*translated from Kiswahili, "joyful noise"*)
(Brandt Parker & friends)

The Prayers

We pray Christ's healing for Bonnie Judge and Terri Moffitt/Finner. We pray for strength of wholeness for Rhonda Joa, Ron Finner, Dianne Krehbiel. Continued healing and peace for Susan Swidnicki, Linde Wrathall, Louise Nelson, Cindy Haverkost. We pray for all devastated by storms, especially in Mozambique. We pray for those in need of our prayers: for care of Henri Schrecengost, for guidance for Rich and for healing and relief of pain for Carla and Carol, for seminary education with Lisa Mensinger and Juan de Dios Lopez, and for healing peace and comfort for Barb Bailiff and family as they mourn the death of her father, Walter, and for David Chamberlin and family as they mourn the death of his father, Walter.

Each petition concludes, "**Lord in your mercy,**" and the people prayerfully respond, "**hear our prayer.**"

The Sharing of the Peace

John 20

More than a greeting, we participate in Christ's gift of community.

The Peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The ministers and congregation signal their unity with each other in the family of Christ by sharing a moment of greeting with each other saying, "Peace be with you" and are seated when finished exchanging the peace.

The Meal

The Gathering of the Gifts

Thank you for filling in the hospitality page (bulletin insert). It serves as an instrument for pastoral care, especially with the requested prayers. Please place the page in the offering plate.

If you would like to give online, please go to zelc.org/give-now

Anthem

Children's Choir

"Hauhele" –Traditional South African (translated "Lord Have Mercy")

Offering Prayer

Generous God,
you feed us with the harvest of the land,
and you provide for our every need.
Receive our gifts of money, imagination, and labor,
and transform them into a feast that welcomes all,
in Jesus Christ, our host and our guest.

Amen.

Thanksgiving at the Table

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray as Jesus taught us:

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,

your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,

now and forever.

Amen.

Invitation to Communion

Come to the table where all are welcomed.
Thanks be to God.

The Lamb of God

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Music: *Bread of Life*, Jeremy Young, b. 1948
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Holy Communion

In Christ’s body and blood given to us, God forgives us and nourishes us for mission. We sing as the bread is broken and as the meal is shared. We ask God to send us in witness to the world.

To receive Holy Communion, please come down the center aisle. You are welcome to kneel or stand at the communion rail.

Newcomers & Visitors: You are welcome to join us for Holy Communion. The wine may be received by dipping the bread in the cup, or eating the bread and drinking from the cup. Individual cups are available for those who desire. Grape juice is clear, individual cups of wine are red. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

If you would like to receive a blessing for yourself and/or your child, simply come forward with your hands folded, and the person serving the bread will offer you a blessing.

Communion Hymns

Hymn No. 461 || All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly
Hymn No. 460 || Now the Silence
Hymn No. 779 || Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

After all have received, please remain seated until the Benediction.

The Table Blessing

The body and the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ keep us in God's great grace.
Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

Tender and merciful one,
at your feast, you fed us who brought nothing,
turning our emptiness into joy.
Filled with your abundant grace,
send us now to be ministers of reconciliation,
mending broken hearts, working for justice,
and striving for peace among all people,
in the name of Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Benediction

God, who fills the creation with abundance,
Christ, whose arms are spread in forgiveness
Holy Spirit, who draws ever near to us,
+ bless you and bring you to life everlasting.
Amen.

Recessional Hymn

Hymn No. 763 || "My Life Flows On in Endless Song" (Vs. 1, 3, 4)

Dismissal

Go in peace. Sing to the Lord a new song!
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

(James Gardner)
"Fantasia on What Wondrous Love" || arranged by Marilyn Carlson

Lessons for Next Sunday

April 7, 2019

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 43:16-21

Psalms 126

Philippians 3:4b-14

John 12:1-8

Financial Stewardship

Yearly Operating Budget 2019: \$480,450

Weekly Operating Budget: \$9,240

Last Week's Offerings: \$5,544

Total Received: \$101,795

March 24, 2019:

- 8:15 am = 40
- 10:30 am = 91
- Sunday school = 76

Thank you Ms. Susan for your musical gifts





What's Happening at Zion

"Conversations in Grace"

12:15-1 pm Wednesdays, in Lent, April 3. Bring a brown bag lunch and explore scripture and devotional writings on grace. Pastor Steve and Lisa Mensinger will facilitate our discussion. No prior knowledge of scripture is needed. All are welcome!

Lenten Services

On April 3rd, Midweek Lenten Worship begins at 7:15 pm with Holden Evening Prayer. Bible study and discussion groups will meet from 6:30 until 7:15. Our traditional soup suppers precede the evening's events, beginning at 6 pm.

}} Gathered - Acts 2: 42-45

In Our Prayers

We are in transition with prayer requests for Sunday worship. Thank you for adding loved ones to the prayer list (office@zelc.org or via Hospitality Page). And, thank you for updating your prayer request, removing or asking for a petition of thanksgiving when the status of your loved one(s) changes.

Attention Thrivent Members

Don't forget to direct Choice Dollars® Grant funding from Thrivent Financial. Through its Thrivent Choice® program you can help support organizations you care about. Don't let Choice Dollars expire! Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have Choice Dollars available have until **today** to direct any remaining 2018 Choice Dollars. Help support the youth at our church. If you would like your Choice Dollars to support the organ fund, building renovation, or other areas of the church, you may send a message to the church office stating such.

Go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice to learn more. Or call 800.847.4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt. Or call your local Thrivent Financial advisor. The church congregational coordinator, Angie Reuschel, may also be able to assist you.

Sunday Parent Drop-In Group

After dropping your kids in their Sunday school classroom, you are welcome to join other parents in the church kitchen for some coffee and conversations.

Sunday Adult Bible Study

Adult Open Forum Bible Discussion, all are welcome to discuss the current Sunday's lessons, focusing on the Gospel. We will meet at 9:15-10:15 am across from the sanctuary.

Quilters Without Borders

The next Quilters Without Borders gathering will be at Zion on Thursday April 4th at 7 pm. Quilters Without Borders is a great opportunity to connect through grace with other congregations across the valley. All are welcome to attend, all you need to know how to do is tie a knot! The quilts will be gifted to the Crossroads Urban Center.

Women's Small Group

Alyce Gross, Shepherd. Meets the first and third Mondays at 7 pm in various homes. We are studying the Gospel of John. Contact Alyce at adgross1@msn.com.

Men's Bible Study

Meets each Wednesday morning at 7:00am downstairs. Come have breakfast with us and discuss God's Word! We are studying the weekly scriptures from the Taking Faith Home bulletin insert.

Men's Small Group

Peter Staks, Shepherd 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month at 7pm at various homes. peter@wardleycompanies.com. This group is studying books in the New Testament.

Chancel Choir

Meets Sundays at 9:15 am in the sanctuary. Singing in a choir has immeasurable benefits for physical and mental well-being. Prepare music to support the day's lessons, learn more about church music traditions, reduce stress, and have fun. Singers of all abilities are welcome.

Pastor Bible Study

All are welcome. Today's discussion is led by Pastor Steven Klemz

Today's Worship

Pastor Steven Klemz— Presiding + Preaching
David Chamberlin— Organist | Diane Gardner— Music Director
Susan Swidnicki - Children's Choir Director
Steve & Marie Newton, Jan Heins— Altar Guild
Jan Heins, Jane Erdahl— Counters

8:15 am Worship
Rachel Kibler, Cantor
10:30 am Worship
Lisa Mensinger—Assisting Minister

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