



# Zion Lutheran Church

## The Divine Service

Sexagesima

### Welcome

#### Before Service Prayer

*On what has now  
been sown Thy  
blessing, Lord,  
bestow; The pow'r is  
Thine alone to make  
it sprout and grow.  
Do Thou in grace the  
harvest raise, And  
Thou alone shalt  
have the praise!  
LSB 921:1*

Nothing is so effectual against the devil, the world, the flesh, and all evil thoughts as to occupy oneself with the Word of God, talk about it, and meditate on it. Psalm One calls those blessed who “meditate on God’s law day and night.” You will never offer up any incense or other savor more potent against the devil than to occupy yourself with God’s commandments and words and to speak, sing and meditate on them. This, indeed, is the true holy water, the sign which routs the devil and puts him to flight. For this reason alone you should eagerly read, recite, ponder and practice the Catechism, even if the only blessing and benefit you obtain from it is to rout the devil and evil thoughts.

Martin Luther; Large Catechism, Preface: 10-11

February 16, 2020 ✠ 10:30 A.M.

## **We are very happy that you are here today!**

At Zion, the bulletin and Lutheran Service Book (LSB) are both used to lead us through our worship. To help guide you during the service, below are some helpful tips.

- For each section of the Divine Service, the page number in the hymnal is listed in the bulletin on the right side of the page, i.e., *LSB 184*, which is found towards the front of the hymnal. All responses are sung unless they are printed in the bulletin.
- **P** indicates sections spoken by the Pastor. **C** indicates responses by the Congregation and will be in **bold print**.
- All hymns are listed in the bulletin with the name of the hymn and page number, i.e., *Thy Strong Word LSB 578*. They are also shown on the Hymn board at the front of the church.
- The *red text* in both the bulletin and the hymnal shows when the congregation should stand or sit during the Divine Service. The Pastor may also provide direction.

## **A Special Welcome to Those with Young Children**

At Zion we want families with children to feel at home.

- First, please relax and enjoy your time here. Jesus knows that children tend to wiggle and squawk a bit, so please don't feel embarrassed by it. Your children are welcome at Zion.
- To make it a bit easier on your family, please dare to sit toward the front where your children can easily see the front of the Church, note the colors, watch the pastor, wonder about the stained-glass windows above the altar and embrace the action at the altar. What Jesus does here promises to engage them.
- As we go, softly explain the Liturgy to your children, encouraging them to chime in on their parts: Amen! Lord have mercy! And with thy Spirit! I believe! Our Father! All of that belongs to them too.
- Be sure to sing and say and pray your parts too as you stand and sit. Your children learn by following your lead.
- If you and your child must leave, please hurry back. We want you and your children here very much.
- If you need a little help, just ask. There are lots of folks here who will lend you a hand.

Please know that while you are caring for your children, the rest of us will be rejoicing in Jesus' words, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these" (Luke 18:16).

We know that your children are a gift to the Church, so we will do our best to welcome, smile, encourage, help and bless you all. Welcome to Zion!



*Divine Service, Setting Three*

## The Preparation

Processional Hymn

Preach You the Word (v.1-3) *LSB 586*

*Stand*

Invocation

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

Confession of Sins and Absolution

*LSB 184*

## Service of the Word

Introit

*Psalm 44:1-2, 7-8; antiphon: vv.23, 25a, 26a*

- P** Awake! Why are you sleeping, O Lord?  
Rouse yourself! Do not reject us forever!
- C** For our soul is bowed down to the dust.  
Rise up; come to our help!
- P** O God, we have heard with our ears, our fathers have told us,  
what deeds you performed in their days, in the days of old:
- C** you with your own hand drove out the nations, but them you planted;  
you afflicted the peoples, but them you set free.
- P** But you have saved us from our foes  
and have put to shame those who hate us.
- C** In God we have boasted continually,  
and we will give thanks to your name forever.
- C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.
- P** Awake! Why are you sleeping, O Lord?  
Rouse yourself! Do not reject us forever!
- C** For our soul is bowed down to the dust.  
Rise up; come to our help!

Kyrie

*LSB 186*

Gloria in Excelsis

*LSB 187*

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

*LSB 189*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Let us pray.

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully grant that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 55:10-13*

The Old Testament reading for Sexagesima is from Isaiah, the fifty-fifth chapter.

“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven  
and do not return there but water the earth,  
making it bring forth and sprout,  
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,  
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;  
it shall not return to me empty,  
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,  
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

“For you shall go out in joy  
and be led forth in peace;  
the mountains and the hills before you  
shall break forth into singing,  
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.  
Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;  
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;  
and it shall make a name for the LORD,  
an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

*Psalms 83:18, 13*

**P** [Let your enemies] know that you alone, whose name is the LORD,  
are the Most High over all the earth.

**C** O my God, make them like whirling dust,  
like chaff before the wind.

## Epistle

*II Corinthians 11:19 - 12:9*

The Epistle reading is from Second Corinthians, the eleventh and twelfth chapters.

For you gladly bear with fools, being wise yourselves! For you bear it if someone makes slaves of you, or devours you, or takes advantage of you, or puts on airs, or strikes you in the face. To my shame, I must say, we were too weak for that!

But whatever anyone else dares to boast of—I am speaking as a fool—I also dare to boast of that. Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they offspring of Abraham? So am I. Are they servants of Christ? I am a better one—I am talking like a madman—with far greater labors, far more imprisonments, with countless beatings, and often near death. Five times I received at the hands of the Jews the forty lashes less one. Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I was stoned. Three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I was adrift at sea; on frequent journeys, in danger from rivers, danger from robbers, danger from my own people, danger from Gentiles, danger in the city, danger in the wilderness, danger at sea, danger from false brothers; in toil and hardship, through many a sleepless night, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure. And, apart from other things, there is the daily pressure on me of my anxiety for all the churches. Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to fall, and I am not indignant?

If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness. The God and Father of the Lord Jesus, he who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying. At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas was guarding the city of Damascus in order to seize me, but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall and escaped his hands.

I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows— and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. Though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. So to keep me from being too elated by the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

Alleluia

*LSB 190*

Holy Gospel

*Luke 8:4-15*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eighth chapter.

**C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

When a great crowd was gathering and people from town after town came to [Jesus], he said in a parable: “A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell along the path and was trampled underfoot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock, and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew and yielded a hundredfold.” As he said these things, he called out, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, he said, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God, but for others they are in parables, so that ‘seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.’ Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard. Then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe for a while, and in time of testing fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. As for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Apostles Creed

*LSB 191*

*Sit*

Children’s Message

Hymn of the Day

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast In Your Word *LSB 655*

Sermon

“Steadfast in God’s Word”

*Luke 8:4-15*

*Stand*

Offertory

*LSB 192*

*Sit*

Offering

## Prayer of the Church

*After each portion of the prayer:*

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** Hear our prayer.



He became what we are that he might make us what he is.

Athanasius of Alexandria (296-373 A.D.)

Lord's Prayer

Sending Prayer

Benediction

LSB 202

Recessional Hymn

Preach You the Word (v.4-6) *LSB 586*

Life Together

Pray as You Go

*Lord God, may Your Word continue to accomplish Your purposes among us and around the world. Teach us to hold Your Word sacred and gladly hear and learn it. Amen.*

*Lutheran Study Bible, p. 1182*

# ✠ Soli Deo Gloria ✠

## Serving in the Divine Service

### **PREACHER**

Rev. Joshua Ralston, Pastor

### **ORGANIST**

Dennis Steuber

### **ACOLYTE**

Emory Kuretsch

### **USHERS**

Zino Schroeder  
Robert Sims  
Tony Waldo (A)

### **ALTAR GUILD**

Phyllis Campbell  
Chyral Sims

### **ELDER**

Dennis Ward

### **TRUSTEE**

Tony Waldo

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTRUCTORS**

Phyllis Campbell  
Randy Lamar  
Tanya Schroeder

Serving Next Sunday  
February 23, 2020

### **ACOLYTE**

Emmett Schlittenhart

### **ORGANIST**

Dennis Steuber





# The Prayers of the Church

## Persecuted Christians in:

Egypt  
Uzbekistan  
Myanmar  
Laos  
Vietnam

## Partner Church

Portuguese Evangelical  
Lutheran Church

## Comfort, Health, and

### Recovery

Gary Daniels  
Tom Harms  
Rev. Herb Swanson  
Frances Anderson (*family of Diane Ragsdale*)  
Mary Ann Creamer (*Aunt of Tanya Schroeder*)  
Ryder Locke (*great grandson of Dave and Joyce Boswell*)  
Stephanie Hollinger (*daughter of Gary Daniels*)  
Amy Villalobos (*sister-in-law of Katie*)  
Glenda Schrock  
Carson Brown (*friend of the Villalobos family*)  
Dianne McKissack (*boss of Nikki Dorn*)  
Lander Duvall (*friend of Tony Waldo*)  
Lance Spence (*friend of Katie Villalobos*)  
Marie Heiser  
Joyce Mendenhall (*friend of Susan Colles*)  
Charlotte Hottinger  
Cynde Goodman (*mother of Jeff Rion*)  
Peggy Carter (*grandmother of Joshua Ralston*)  
Mikel Frasier (*friend of Tony Waldo*)

Julie Buchy (*friend of Tony Waldo*)  
Richard Humphries  
Patti Ward

## Homebound

Dorothy Birkhahn  
Joyce Boswell  
Betty Bocksnick  
Gwen Hale  
Helen Rick  
Kenneth Hottinger Sr.  
Nettie Grant  
Regina Steuber  
Lawrence Steuber

## Catechumens

Amanda Bowden  
Emory Kuretsch  
Emmett Schlittenhart  
Isabella Schroeder  
Tatum Rion  
Gavin Rion  
Alison Waldo  
Alivia Waldo  
Chance Paylor

## Serving in the armed forces

Logan Kremers  
Matthew Allen  
Brian Rutledge  
Trent Hale  
Josh Imme  
Christopher Stocking  
Dale Ozment

*When hospitalized, sick, needing prayer or absolution, contact Pastor Ralston any time at 501-454-0581.*

# ZION Life Together



## Sexagesima February 16, 2020

### The Fruits of Our Faith 02/09/2020

Present in Worship: 62

Communion: 44

Children's Sunday School: 5

Adult Sunday School: 12

General Offering: \$3,131

Food Pantry: \$620

Weekly Budget Offering Needed: \$2,620

Oh, give thanks to the Lord for He is good!

“Freely you have received, freely give.”  
Matthew 10:8b

### BAYLISS FIRE DEPARTMENT CHILI SUPPER & PIE AUCTION

March 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m., the Bayliss Fire Department will host their annual Chili Supper. This is their yearly fundraiser, so please plan on attending! Members of Zion are asked to bring a pie for the auction or some chili to share.

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### ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday service will be Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Please note that Lenten soup suppers will start the **next** Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>.

### LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

Mark your calendars and plan on attending the Lenten soup suppers on the following Wednesdays:

March 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, and April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Please sign up to bring your favorite soup! The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

### ELDERS MEETING

The Elders will meet here at the church at 6:00 p.m., February 17<sup>th</sup>.

### SAVE THE DATE

Plans are in the works for a trip to the Drive Thru Safari in Gentry on Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>. Make plans now to attend this fun family event. Look for more details in the weeks to come.

### YOUTH FUNDRAISER

Baked goods will be for sale on Sunday mornings to raise funds for youth activities. Thanks in advance for your support.

# Zion's Calendar for the Week

## Sunday † February 16

- 9:15 a.m. Children's Sunday School
- Teen Bible Study
- Adult Bible Study
- 10:30 a.m. Divine Service without  
Communion
- 12:15 p.m. Catechumenate

## Monday † February 17

- 6:00 p.m. Elders Meeting

## Tuesday † February 18

## Wednesday † February 19

## Thursday † February 20

## Friday † February 21

## Saturday † February 22

- 6:00 - 9:00 a.m. Movie Night and  
Lock-in

## Sunday † February 23

- 9:15 a.m. Children's Sunday School
- Teen Bible Study
- Adult Bible Study
- 10:30 a.m. Divine Service with  
Communion
- 12:15 p.m. Catechumenate

### **BULLETIN INFORMATION?**

Please contact Phyllis Campbell by 9:00 a.m. Thursday morning to have your "blurb" in the upcoming bulletin.

Call/text: 501-725-1418

Email: [officeassistant.zlc@gmail.com](mailto:officeassistant.zlc@gmail.com)

Mailbox: drop a note in the mailbox by the office door.

# Zion's Calendar for the Month

## Monday † February 17

- 6:00 p.m. Elders Meeting

## Saturday † February 22

- 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 a.m. Movie Night and  
Lock-in

## Wednesday † February 26

- 7:00 p.m. - Ash Wednesday Service (no  
supper beforehand)

## Sunday † March 1

- 12:15 - Voters Meeting and Potluck in  
Family Life Center

## Monday † March 2

- 6:00 p.m. - Elders Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. - Church Council Meeting

## Wednesday † March 4

- Soup Supper - 6:00 p.m.
- Lenten Service - 7:00 p.m.

## Saturday † March 7

- Time Pending - Drive-thru Safari



# Zion

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### Restrooms

Restrooms are located in the Narthex outside of the Sanctuary and in the basement Fellowship Hall. Please see an usher if you need assistance.

### Nursery

The Nursery is located in the Narthex outside of the Sanctuary.

### Congregational Membership

New members are received by Baptism, Confirmation, Transfer, or Profession of Faith (after receiving Pastoral instruction). Please speak with Pastor Ralston for more details.

### Pastoral Consultation

Pastoral Consultation based on the Holy Scriptures is available from the Pastor. Please speak with Pastor Ralston to make an appointment.

### Sick and Homebound

The sick and homebound are visited regularly by the Pastor with the Scriptures and Sacrament. Please contact Pastor Ralston if you know of any parishioner in need of pastoral visitation.

### Pastor's Bible Study, Teen, and Children's Sunday School

Sunday School begins at 9:15 am. Anyone from confirmation age on up is welcome to attend Bible Study. Teen and Children's Sunday School is held **every Sunday** in the basement Fellowship Hall/Family Center (Ages 0 and up).

### Listen to Lutheran Radio

**Listen:** Issues, Etc. is talk-radio for the thinking Christian. Listen 24/7 at [www.IssuesETC.org](http://www.IssuesETC.org) *The Lutheran Hour* is broadcast on KARV 610 AM/101.3 FM every Sunday at 7:30AM.