

# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



March 19th, 2017  
*Third Sunday in Lent*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by The Kroeger Family in Honor of Tanner Wilson's Birthday and The Fitzgerald Family in Memory of Victor Herschaft.

**ETERNAL LIGHT** is given by Dorothy Smelko in Memory of all her loved ones.

**THIS WEEK'S FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE....**is from JOHN GIELAROWSKI. Romans 3:24,28  
*ESV (We) are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus....For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.*

**VICAR'S BOOK OF THE MONTH** for March is Bo Giertz "The Hammer of God". You can check it out of the Zion library!

**ALL THINGS NEW SESSION 7 TAKEAWAY...** It was the Apostle Paul's daily witness in his actions and words that he wanted to be known for... not his incredible supernatural experience in the "third heaven."

**BE FRIENDLY IN THE PEWS....**if you see someone you haven't met or someone new to Zion, say hello and welcome!

**PLAN TO ATTEND...**the ALL-CHURCH SPRING COOKOUT on SUNDAY, MAY 21st, right after second service. Fabulous food, fun and fellowship are on the agenda!

**SPOTLIGHT MINISTRY....ASSIMILATION: WE HAVE THE MEET AND GREET!** Looking for friendly, smiling WELCOME TABLE HOSTS happy to visit briefly with guests and visitors after each service to: 1. Welcome guests 2. Provide information about Zion and answer questions 3. Obtain contact information 4. Share a Welcome Bag! Please contact Linda Kroeger (281-684-9895 or [linda.w.kroeger@gmail.com](mailto:linda.w.kroeger@gmail.com)) if interested!

**LAST CALL FOR SOFTBALL...**touch base with team manager LEVI BAER of the ZION LIONS coed softball team if you can make time for fun, fellowship and fitness. The team needs you!! Here are the details: 1. "Spring training" is on the church lawn in early April 2. Season play begins in late April. 3. Cost to cover league fee is usually about \$60 per player 4. New players (church membership not required) are always welcome; contact LEVI BAER at [baer.levi@gmail.com](mailto:baer.levi@gmail.com).

**WELCOME CENTER!** Are you a guest or visitor looking for information about Zion? Hello and welcome to Zion! Stop by the table in the foyer after the service and we'll try to help.

**CHURCH NURSERY:** Is available for kids age 0-2 during the 10:30 Service! The Nursery ("Little Lions") is open during the late service in the lower level of the building. (If you need help locating the nursery, please ask an Usher or Greeter for assistance.)

**NEED PRAYER?** Stephen Ministers and Elders will be available to pray with or for you following the Service in the Chancel area.

**TODAY'S GOSPEL READING AND SERMON** will be posted to the [ZLCB.org](http://www.zlcb.org) website later today. For an archive of older sermons, visit [www.zlcb.org/sermons](http://www.zlcb.org/sermons)

# Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church

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As you may have heard, 2017 is the 500th anniversary of what many consider the start of the reformation. In 1517 Martin Luther's theses were posted on the door of the castle church in Wittenberg. The years following this important event would be of monumental importance to the church and the world.

While we don't worship the man Luther, this reformation year gives us a chance to reflect on Luther's return to Scripture as the sole rule and norm for faith and life and his emphasis on salvation by grace through faith in Christ. In the coming months, we will also enjoy Luther's emphasis on congregational singing of Scripture, specifically the Psalms. Luther once said "“Next to the Word of God, music deserves the highest praise. The gift of language combined with the gift of song was given to man that he should proclaim the Word of God through Music.” Luther was convinced that words had power, and that God used words to give us Jesus. He also saw the value in music to carry that proclamation of God's Word through song.

Beginning this week we will be singing the Psalms together in worship. The Pastor or Vicar will sing the first verse, and the congregation will join in, accompanied by the organist. Don't worry if you struggle at first, it will come quickly. As you sing, reflect on the words of the Psalm and what they tell us of Christ. In the Psalms we see the suffering of Christ, the love of Christ, and the care that Christ has for you and for me.

May God Bless Your Worship!

-Vicar Joshua



**ZION EQUIPS, EDUCATES, AND ENCOURAGES BELIEVERS IN CHRIST, SENDING THEM INTO THE WORLD TO SHARE THE GOSPEL.**

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**P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{†}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{†}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

### Introit

**V** *Blessèd are those whose strength is | in you,\*  
in whose heart are the highways to | Zion.*

**C** How lovely is your | dwelling place,\*

O | LORD of hosts!  
My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts | of the LORD;\*  
my heart and flesh sing for joy to the | living God.  
Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may  
| lay her young,\*  
at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King | and my God.  
Blessèd are those who dwell | in your house,\*  
ever sing- | ing your praise!  
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.  
[V] *Blessèd are those whose strength is | in you,\*  
in whose heart are the highways to | Zion.*

## Kyrie

- [V] In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- [C] Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**
- [V] For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- [C] Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**
- [V] 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.
- [C] Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**
- [V] For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us  
pray to the Lord.
- [C] Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**
- [V] Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.
- [C] Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

- [V] The Lord be with you.
- [C] And also with you.**

❑ Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☒ **Amen.**

## **Old Testament Reading**

### **Exodus 17:1–7**

All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." And the LORD said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

❑ This is the Word of the Lord.

☒ **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

### Romans 5:1–8

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

☑ This is the Word of the Lord.

🗨 **Thanks be to God.**

## Holy Gospel

📖 The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourth chapter.

🗨 **Glory to You, O Lord.**

### John 4:5–26

So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to 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.

There came a woman of Samaria 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 forever. The water that I will 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."

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

**C Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **Apostles' Creed**

**C 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.**

**Sermon Hymn – Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee**

**803**

**Sermon**

**Prayer of the Church**

**The Lord be with you.**

**And also with you.**

Let us pray...

Lord in your Mercy.

**Hear our Prayer.**

*Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).*

**Offering**

*If you are visiting with us this morning, know that your presence here means far more to us than any gift of money you could make; please do not hesitate to let the plate pass you by. Please stop by the welcome desk on your way out of church this morning.*

**Offertory – 10:30am Children's Choir**

**Preface**

The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**P** 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 might 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 saying:

**Sanctus**



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many.

As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

## Lord's Prayer

- G** **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 Our Lord

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said:

“Take, eat; this is My  $\text{†}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

- P** In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{†}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

### Pax Domini

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**G** Amen.

### Agnus Dei



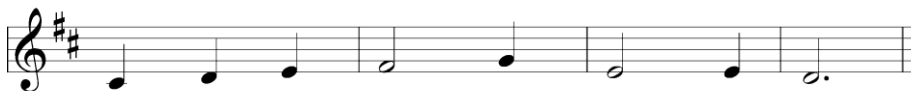
**G** 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Distribution Hymns –

*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

702

*All Hail the Power of Jesus Name*

549

*The Lamb*

547

**Nunc Dimittis**

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;  
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is  
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## Post-Communion Collect

**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Benedicamus and Benediction

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

**Closing Hymn – Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing**

**528**

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## Prayer Request for Family & Friends

### **The Church:**

-For our homebound members: Tom Bicusky, Ruth Miller, Jim Lynch, George and Florence Boehme, Lois Dittmer, Norm and Helen Erbrecht, Dorothy Smelko, and Don Jones.

-Healing for Janet Hickey, Jack Oelschlager, Florence Boehme, Gloria Godfrey, Marian Siek, Sarah & Michael Erbrecht, Gladys Cimarolli, Joyce Wood, Roxanne Burgh, Henry Dittmer, Cletus Kroeger, Ruth Miller, Lois Klemash, Irene Bourg, Nancy Spotti, Bob Rondinelli, Aly Mance, Robin Dunbar, Diane Scandolari, Ezra Hildebrand, Reggie Ford, Deana Thielet, Bill Koester, Nancy Koester, Sammy's Dad, Bruce Klemash, Vinny, Dave Hutula, Dom Santaguida and Bruce Gain.

-For Rev. Edward Grimenstein as he prepares to become Zion's next pastor.

-For our missionaries, especially the Naumanns, Lohmeyers, and Dukes.

-For all who care for loved ones with illnesses

-For the ministry of Zion Lutheran Preschool

### **Thanksgiving:**

-Thankfulness for the forgiveness of sins and eternal life.

### **The World:**

-For an end to abortion and human trafficking.

-For the youth in our community.

### **Our Nation:**

-For those in Foster Care and those looking to adopt.

-For the disabled, unborn and aged.

-For those whose work is dangerous, especially Jared Fitzgerald.

- For godly care of the earth

## † *Service Participants* †

Pastor:	Eric Andrae
Vicar:	Joshua Ulm
Music Director:	Mark Killinger
The Organist:	Sandra Quinlan
The Elders:	Bill Bishop & Peter Fisher
The Acolyte:	Ava Pasquini (8:00) Anna Gresh (10:30)
The Greeters:	Bob & Diana Schmidt (8:00) Carolyn Wible (10:30)
The Ushers:	Brian Pasquini, Debbie Ford, (8:00) Dale Miller, Barb & Wayne Oechslein Ross Chilcott, Dan Harris (10:30) Kari & John Gresh
Altar Guild:	Janet & Marian Oelschlager
Nursery:	Carly & Darla Rockovich

## **Last Week in Worship**

Sunday Worship Attendance (3/12) – 182

Lenten Mid-week Service Attendance (3/15) – 37

Sunday Offering (3/12) - \$3,956.00

Lenten Service Offering - \$ 125.00

Online Offering (3/6-3/10) - \$ 70.00

~Online giving is now available by going to the Zion web site: [www.zlcb.org](http://www.zlcb.org)~



# Week of March 19<sup>th</sup> - March 26<sup>th</sup>

<p><b>SUNDAY</b> 3/19</p>	<p>8:00 AM – Worship w/ Communion 9:15 AM – Sunday School &amp; Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM – Worship w/ Communion 11:45 AM – Children’s Choir</p>
<p><b>MONDAY</b> 3/20</p>	<p>7:00 PM – Confirmation</p>
<p><b>TUESDAY</b> 3/21</p>	<p>7:15 PM – Women’s Bible Study 6:30 PM – Sunday School Meeting</p>
<p><b>WEDNESDAY</b> 3/22</p>	<p>7:00 PM – Lenten Midweek Service</p>
<p><b>THURSDAY</b> 3/23</p>	<p>10:00 AM – Bible Study 7:00 PM – Adult Choir Practice</p>
<p><b>FRIDAY</b> 3/24</p>	
<p><b>SATURDAY</b> 3/25</p>	<p>8:00 AM – Men’s Bible Breakfast</p>
<p><b>SUNDAY</b> 3/26</p>	<p>8:00 AM – Worship 9:15 AM – Sunday School &amp; Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM – Worship 11:45 AM – Children’s Choir 11:45 AM – Events Committee Meeting</p>

# Trustee Spring Work Day



## Sunday, April 2nd

Join us **Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>** for a Trustee Spring Work Day!

There are lots of projects both inside and outside to complete for men, women and children of all ages. Our primary focus will be getting both the interior and exterior of the parsonage ready for the arrival of Pastor Grimenstein and his family. Interior work will focus on giving the home a good, deep cleaning from top to bottom and the exterior work will focus on the clean up of the parsonage grounds and the mulching of the parsonage beds and various other beds around the church property.

The exterior work is certainly weather dependent, but the interior work will go on regardless of the forecast!

The Work Day will get started immediately following the late service so bring a lunch, some cleaning supplies and yard work tools and help us demonstrate good stewardship of the beautiful property we are so blessed to call our church home!

See John or Carrie Lemonovich or email us ([lemonoje@gmail.com](mailto:lemonoje@gmail.com) or [clemonovich@yahoo.com](mailto:clemonovich@yahoo.com)) with questions.

# Help Wanted - Zion Treasurer Position



As many of you know, the Luedeman family will be relocating to Florida. This means we are looking for a new Treasurer to replace Kim. The Treasurer is responsible for all cash disbursements and maintaining accurate books. In addition, full financial reports are prepared for monthly council meetings. The Treasurer coordinates with the outside payroll company, budget process and uses the Sheppard Staff software. There is a stipend for this position. If you would be interested in learning more about this position please see Kim Luedeman or Bob Schmidt.

# Upcoming Middle School Youth Group Event

# Black

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# Light

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# Night

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**When?** March 31  
**Where?** Basement of Zion Lutheran Church  
**Who?** Anyone in 6-8th Grade  
**Time?** 8-10pm  
**Address?** 3197 Washington Pike, Bridgeville  
**Food?** Pizza!  
**Cost?** \$0

Wear something  
White or Neon