

# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



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*Lenten Service*



# Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church

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Welcome to Worship!

Things around the church are changing. It seems like everyone is in a buzz preparing for Holy Week services, preparing for Pastor Grimenstein's installation, and attending to other important things around church. The excitement is building. We get to meet our new pastor soon! Everyone is preparing, and rightly so, for this exciting time.

The excitement is building towards Easter as well. The musicians and choirs are practicing Easter tunes, the bulletins are being assembled, the Easter breakfast is being planned. For some of you, the line between Lent and Easter is blurred as you sing "Alleluia" and "He is Risen" in choir practice. In the midst of all this excitement we gather together for another quiet, meditative lenten service. It provides us a chance to relax, a chance to pray, a chance to shut out all the noise and focus on our Lord.

Tonight we follow our savior on another step of his journey to Calvary. We'll do so using another "sound of the passion", a sound that you will help make!

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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## Opening Hymn - Hymn Sing

**V** The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.

**C** Amen.

**V** It is good to give thanks to the Lord,

**C** to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;

**V** to herald Your love in the morning,

**C** Your truth at the close of the day.

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

**V** 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.

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

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

**C** Amen.

## Psalm 119:105–112

**V** Your word is a lamp | to my feet\*  
and a light | to my path.

**C** I have sworn an oath and con- | firmed it,\*  
to keep your righ- | teous rules.

I am severely af- | flicted;\*

give me life, O LORD, according | to your word!  
Accept my freewill offerings of praise, | O LORD,\*  
and teach me your | just decrees.  
I hold my life in my hand con- | tinually,\*  
but I do not for- | get your law.  
The wicked have laid a | snare for me,\*  
but I do not stray from your | precepts.  
Your testimonies are my heritage for- | ever,\*  
for they are the joy | of my heart.  
I incline my heart to perform your | statutes\*  
forever, | to the end.  
 Your word is a lamp | to my feet\*  
and a light | to my path.

## **Readings from Holy Scripture**

### **Ephesians 2:1–10**

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

### **John 18:1–14**

When Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the Kidron Valley, where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. Now

Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, for Jesus often met there with his disciples. So Judas, having procured a band of soldiers and some officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, went there with lanterns and torches and weapons. Then Jesus, knowing all that would happen to him, came forward and said to them, "Whom do you seek?" They answered him, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus said to them, "I am he." Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. When Jesus said to them, "I am he," they drew back and fell to the ground. So he asked them again, "Whom do you seek?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he. So, if you seek me, let these men go." This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken: "Of those whom you gave me I have lost not one." Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant and cut off his right ear. (The servant's name was Malchus.) So Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword into its sheath; shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given me?"

So the band of soldiers and their captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound him. First they led him to Annas, for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. It was Caiaphas who had advised the Jews that it would be expedient that one man should die for the people.

### **Responsory**

- V** Into Your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.
- C** **Into Your hands I commend my spirit.**
- V** You have redeemed me, O Lord, God of truth.
- C** **Into Your hands I commend my spirit.**
- V** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Into Your hands I commend my spirit.**

### **Sermon Hymn – Jesus, Refuge of the Weary**

**423**

### **Sermon**

#### **Prayer**

- V** Hear my prayer, O Lord;
- C** **listen to my cry.**

✓ Keep me as the apple of Your eye;  
✿ **hide me in the shadow of Your wings.**

✓ In righteousness I shall see You;  
✿ **when I awake Your presence will give me joy.**

✓ Be present, merciful God, and protect us through the hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of life may find our rest in You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

✿ **Amen.**

✓ O Lord, support us all the day long of this troubled life, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, Lord, in your mercy grant us a safe lodging and a holy rest and peace at the last; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

✿ **Amen.**

✓ Be our light in the darkness, O Lord, and in Your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of Your only Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

✿ **Amen.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

✓ Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

✿ **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.**

### **Nunc Dimittis**

**V** Guide us waking, O Lord,  
and guard us sleeping  
that awake we may watch with Christ  
and asleep we may rest in peace.

**C** **Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace;  
Your word has been fulfilled.  
My own eyes have seen the salvation  
which you have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people:  
a light to reveal You to the nations  
and the glory of Your people Israel.  
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.  
Guide us waking, O Lord,  
and guard us sleeping  
that awake we may watch with Christ  
and asleep we may rest in peace.**

### **Benediction**

**V** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
bless us and keep us.

**C** **Amen.**

**Closing Hymn – Lamb of God, Pure and Holy**

**434**

*~Offering will collected after service in the back of church.~*

### **Acknowledgments**

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# 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**

**Light**

**Night**



**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**

# 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.