ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



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Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church

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Welcome to Worship!

How is your Lent going? As you reflect on your sin and the burden your Savior bore for you, what thoughts run through your head? For some people, the season of Lent can be gloomy, and in some ways it is supposed to be. We mourn for a while in anticipation for the Easter joy that is to come. For some the season of Lent can be cathartic, a time of cleansing and purging of sin. However you *feel* this Lent, Lent is more about reality than feelings. The reality of our sin, and the overwhelming reality of a God who loved you so much to send His son to deal with it.

Tonight we deal with one of the most emotional, gut-wrenching sins committed in Scripture (you'll have to wait until the service to find out which one). Some sins we cannot identify with, but we all have seen this sin in a smaller way in our lives. Tonight, we will examine this specific sin and the beautiful reality that Christ could cover such a great wrong.

May God Bless Your Worship!

-Vicar Joshua



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,
- to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;
- **v** to herald Your love in the morning,
- Your truth at the close of the day.
- **V** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
- 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.
- The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. Amen.
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- C Amen.

Psalm 130

V Out | of the depths* I cry to you, | O LORD!

O Lord, | hear my voice!*

Let your ears be attentive

to the voice of my pleas for | mercy!

If you, O LORD, should mark in- | iquities,*

O Lord, | who could stand?

But with you there is for- | giveness,*
that you | may be feared.

I wait for the LORD, my | soul waits,*
and in his | word I hope;
my soul waits for the Lord
more than watchmen for the | morning,*
more than watchmen for the | morning.

O Israel, hope in the LORD!

For with the LORD there is | steadfast love,*
and with him is plentiful re- | demption.
And he will redeem | Israel*
from all his in- | iquities.

Readings from Holy Scripture

Luke 22:31-34,54-62

"Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers." Peter said to him, "Lord, I am ready to go with you both to prison and to death." Jesus said, "I tell you, Peter, the rooster will not crow this day, until you deny three times that you know me."

Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house, and Peter was following at a distance. And when they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat down among them. Then a servant girl, seeing him as he sat in the light and looking closely at him, said, "This man also was with him." But he denied it, saying, "Woman, I do not know him." And a little later someone else saw him and said, "You also are one of them." But Peter said, "Man, I am not." And after an interval of about an hour still another insisted, saying, "Certainly this man also was with him, for he too is a Galilean." But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are talking about." And immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the saying of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the rooster crows today, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

Responsory

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

Sermon Hymn - Christ, the Life of All the Living

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Sermon

Prayer

- V Hear my prayer, O Lord;
- listen to my cry.
- **V** Keep me as the apple of Your eye;
- **l** hide me in the shadow of Your wings.
- **V** 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.
- C Amen.
- **v** 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.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

- **V** 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

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

- ▼ The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ♣ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us.
- C Amen.

Closing Hymn - O Christ, You Walked the Road

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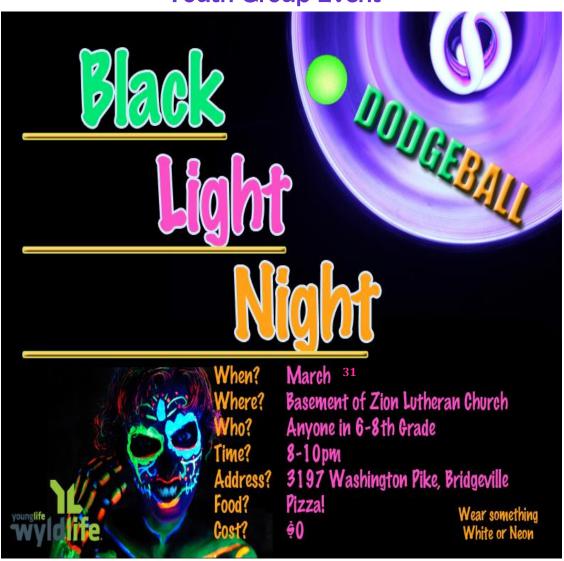
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Help Wanted - Zion Treasurer Position



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





Join us **Sunday, April 2**nd 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 or clemonovich@yahoo.com) with questions.