Zion Lutheran Church



February 25th, 2018 Second Sunday in Lent

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Rita & Tim Sheldon in Memory of sister Patt Krupp & Uncle Simon Kern and Wayne & Barb Oechslein in honor of the American Troops.

ETERNAL LIGHT is given by the Mance Family in Memory of Loved Ones.

THIS WEEK'S FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE... is from **TANNER WILSON**. Ephesians 2:8-9 ESV 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.

HELP WANTED...The *Pittsburgh Lutheran* has an immediate need for a volunteer to work on layout. The job entails putting together articles and pictures into a cohesive newsletter format each month. This job involves 4-6 hours a month, and all work can be done from the comfort of your home. Communication sharing of articles is done via email. Please contact Mary Lou Rilee, Christine Chilcott or Nancy Koester with any questions or email Pittsburgh.lutheran.editor@gmail.com.

YOUTH GROUP GAME NIGHT will be on Friday March 23rd 5:30pm-9:00pm. There will be pizza, games and fellowship. Bring a friend and your favorite game!

600 BAGS OF LOVE...MISSION ACCOMPLISHED! Your generous donations of items and money have allowed the Sunday School Kids to provide 600 Bags of Love to be distributed to our troops in the military. This surpasses last year's 510 bags! THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

LESSON THREE TAKEAWAYS from Women's Bible Study on Forgiveness: 1. God does not overlook our sins, but punished them in His Son so that we might receive His forgiveness. 2. When sinners come to repentance, two things happen; They confess their sins and they receive forgiveness from God. 3. Anger itself is not a sin but leads to evil.

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 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 website later today. For an archive of older sermons, visit www.zlcb.org/sermons

- In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- G Amen.
- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- who made heaven and earth.
- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.
- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the
 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **G** Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

- P Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your | steadfast love,* for they have been | from of old.
- You who fear the LORD, trust | in the LORD!*

 He is their help | and their shield.

The LORD has remembered us; he will | bless us;*

he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of | Aaron;

he will bless those who | fear the LORD,*

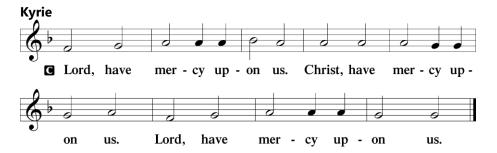
both the small | and the great.

We will | bless the LORD*

from this time forth and forevermore. | Praise the LORD!

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.

P Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your | steadfast love,* for they have been | from of old.



Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And with thy spirit.
- Let us pray.
 O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil

defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading – Genesis 17:1-7,15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly." Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, "Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you.

And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

And God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Epistle - Romans 5:1-11

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. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

VERSE FOR LENT







Holy Gospel

- **P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eighth chapter.
- **G** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they told him, "John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets." And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Christ." And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

And he called to him the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man: and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life

→ of the world to come. Amen.

Sermon



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: 8:00am - Children's Choir - Lamb of God

10:30am - Adult Choir - Were You There in Gethsemane

Prayer of the Church

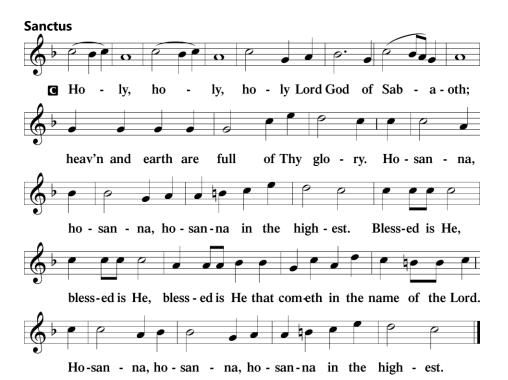
- **P** ...Lord in your mercy.
- ...Hear our prayer.

Service of the Sacrament



It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with

all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



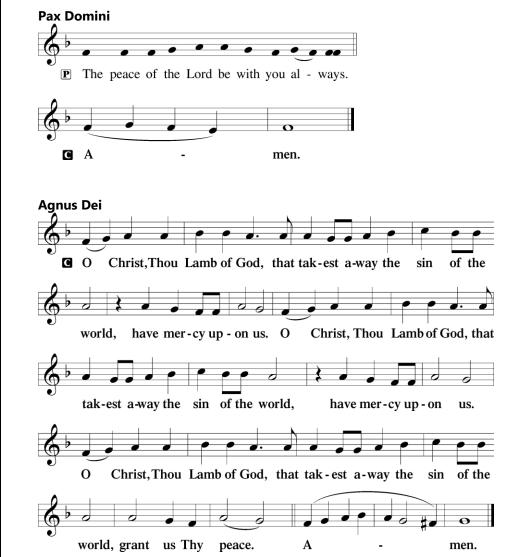
Lord's Prayer

C 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.





Sharing of Peace

Distribution

We welcome to the Lord's Table all who have been baptized in the name of the Triune God, can examine themselves spiritually and believe they receive the true body and blood of the Lord Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins and as a profession of their faith. If you hold a profession of faith that differs from that of our congregation, please speak to the Pastor before the start of the service before communing.

We believe the body and blood of Christ are truly present in the bread and wine.

We believe Christ offers the forgiveness of sins in the Lord's Supper, but that the Lord's Supper is not necessary for salvation.

We believe the Lord's Supper remembers the death of Christ and proclaims his death until he returns.

We believe the Lord's Supper is a statement of unity in the body of Christ; we do not believe it creates that unity.

During the distribution, you are encouraged to sing the Distribution Hymns, pray, or meditate on the words "this is my body... this is my blood, given for you."

The cups at the center of the Individual Communion tray contain diluted wine for those with alcohol sensitivities.

Distribution Hymns

What a Friend We Have in Jesus #770
You Satisfy the Hungry Heart #641
Spread the Reign of God the Lord #830

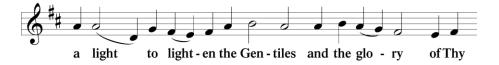


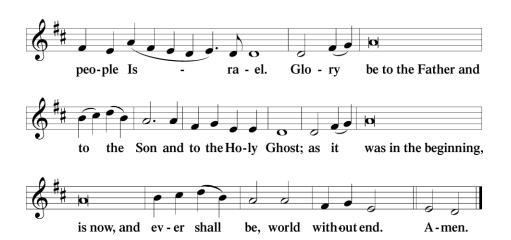


■ Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac

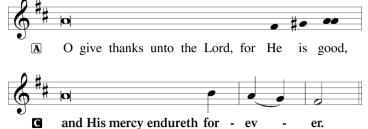


which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,





Thanksgiving



A 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.

er.

G Amen.

Salutation



P The Lord be with you.



• And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus



A Bless we the Lord.



Benediction



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



His face shine upon you and be gra-cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.



Closing Hymn - How Great Thou Art

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Prayer Request for Family & Friends

The Church:

- -For our homebound members: Tom Bicusky, Ruth Miller, George and Florence Boehme, Lois & Henry Dittmer, Norm and Helen Erbrecht, Irene Bourg, and Don Jones.
- -Healing for: Janet Hickey, Jack Oelschlager, Florence Boehme, Gloria Godfrey, Marian Siek, Sarah & Michael Erbrecht, Gladys Cimarolli, Joyce Wood, Cletus Kroeger, Ruth Miller, Nancy Spotti, Aly Mance, Deana Thielet, Bill Koester, Nancy Koester, Dave Hutula, Ryan McCaffrey, Mary Lou Neill and Dottie Heslop.
- -For our missionaries, especially Pastor Wokoma.
- -For all who care for loved ones with illnesses.
- -For the ministry of Zion Lutheran Preschool.

The World:

- -For an end to abortion and human trafficking.
- -For the youth in our community.

Our Nation:

- -For our leaders and government officials.
- -For those in foster care and those looking to adopt.
- -For the disabled, unborn and aged.
- -For those whose work it is to protect us.
- -For those affected by the recent hurricanes.
- For godly care of the earth.

† Service Participants

Rev. Dr. Edward Grimenstein Pastor:

Music Director: Mark Killinger

The Organist: Doug Krantz

The Elders: John Gielarowski & Mike Sterba The Acolyte: Ava Pasquini (8:00)

Faith Wallace (10:30)

The Greeters: Peter & Barbara Fisher (8:00)

John & Kari Gresh (10:30)

The Ushers: Melanie & Bill Becker

Dale Miller & Brian Pasquini (8:00)

Dan Harris, Sam Dragan

Ed Malachosky & Mike Wallace (10:30)

Altar Guild: Sarah Ali, Janet & Marian Oelschlager Nursery:

Barb Oechslein & Marian Oelschlager

Last Week in Worship

Sunday Worship Attendance (2/18) - 170 Wednesday Attendance (2/21) - 75 Sunday Offering (2/18) - \$4,653.00 Online Offering - \$1,989.00

~Online giving is now available by going to the Zion web site: www.zlcb.org~

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February 25th - March 4th

SUNDAY	8:00 AM – Worship w/ Communion 9:15 AM –Sunday School & Adult Bible' Study
2/25	10:30 AM – Worship w/ Communion
MONDAY	6:00 PM – First Year Confirmation
2/26	7:00 PM – Second Year Confirmation
TUESDAY	6:15 PM – Grace Bell Choir
2/27	7:15 PM – Adult Choir
	7:15 PM – Women's Bible Study
	8:00 PM – Faith Bell Choir
WEDNESDAY	6:00 PM – New Member Class
2/28	6:00 PM – Lenten Dinner
	7:00 PM –Lenten Service
THURSDAY 3/1	10:00 AM – Bible Study
FRIDAY 3/2	
SATURDAY 3/3	8:00 AM – Men's Bible Breakfast
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HUMAN COALITION - PITTSBURGH

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We will be collecting change for the baby bottle drive! Baby bottles are in the back of the church. Take one and fill it with change and return no later than Sunday February 25th!

Did you know that at 21 days a baby's heart begins to beat? At 1 month, the baby's organs and body parts are developing, and at 8 weeks the baby's brain and nerve endings are formed. The typical client is coming into our clinics around 7-8 weeks pregnant and is considering an abortion. We can show her the life God created through an ultrasound image. This ultrasound image changes her heart from contemplating abortion to choosing life 90% of the time. When you fill a bottle with your checks, dollars, or loose change, you are helping rescue children and serve families! Grab your bottle from the lobby and support Human Coalition, which operates the Pittsburgh Women's Clinic, formerly known as the Pregnancy Resource Center of the South Hills, in the work of saving lives! (Please make checks payable to "Human Coalition." All proceeds support the local activity in Pittsburgh.)



