

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



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Lenten Service

Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church

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Welcome to Worship!

Have you ever been part of a crowd that got out of control? You see it on television all the time: one person starts yelling and screaming, soon a few others join in, and by the time anybody knows what is going on you have a news story. Maybe you've been at a sports game and started yelling without thinking the about words that were coming out of your mouth. Maybe when you are with friends you say things that you wouldn't other places.

This evening we are going to examine this "mob mentality". Jesus was extremely popular at one point in his ministry, surrounded by mobs of curious and even faithful people. By the time we end our reading this evening, the story is quite different. He is surrounded not by adoring fans, but by a hostile mob. We'll use another sound of the passion this evening as we march ever closer to the crucifixion of our Lord.

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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Opening Hymn - Hymn Sing

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

Amen.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,

to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;

to herald Your love in the morning,

Your truth at the close of the day.

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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Amen.

Psalm 27

V The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom I shall I fear?*

The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

C When evildoers assail me
to eat up my flesh,*
my adversaries and foes,
it is they who stumble and fall.

V Though an army encamp against me,
my heart shall not fear,*
though war arise against me,
yet I will be confident.

C One thing have I asked of the LORD,
that will I seek after:*
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD
and to inquire in his temple.

V For he will hide me in his shelter
in the day of trouble;*
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will lift me high up on a rock.

C And now my head shall be lifted up
above my enemies all around me,
and will offer in his tent
sacrifices with shouts of joy;*
I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

V Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud;*
be gracious to me and answer me!

C You have said, "Seek my face."*
My heart says to you,
"Your face, LORD, do I seek."

V Hide not your face from me.
Turn not your servant away in anger,*
O you who have been my help.
Cast me not off; forsake me not,
O God of my salvation!

Reading from Holy Scripture

Luke 23:1–25

Then the whole company of them arose and brought him before Pilate. And they began to accuse him, saying, "We found this man misleading our nation and forbidding us to give tribute to Caesar, and saying that he himself is Christ, a king." And Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" And he answered him, "You have said so." Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no guilt in this man." But they were urgent, saying, "He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee even to this place."

When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he belonged to Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him over to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had long desired to see him, because he had heard about him, and he was hoping to see some sign done by him. So he questioned him at some length, but he made no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. And Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him. Then, arraying him in splendid clothing, he sent him back to Pilate. And Herod and Pilate became friends with each other that very day, for before this they had been at enmity with each other.

Pilate then called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people, and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was misleading the people. And after examining him before you, behold, I did not find this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither did Herod, for he sent him back to us. Look, nothing deserving death has been done by him. I will therefore punish and release him."

But they all cried out together, "Away with this man, and release to us Barabbas"—a man who had been thrown into prison for an insurrection started in the city and for murder. Pilate addressed them once more, desiring to release Jesus, but they kept shouting, "Crucify, crucify him!" A third time he said to them, "Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no guilt deserving death. I will therefore punish and release him." But they were urgent, demanding with loud cries that he should be crucified. And their voices prevailed. So Pilate decided that their demand should be granted. He released the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, for whom they asked, but he delivered

Jesus over to their will.

Responsory

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

Sermon Hymn – My Song is Love Unknown

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Sermon

Prayer

- ☐ Hear my prayer, O Lord;
- ☑ **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

- ❑ 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.**

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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.

☐ **Amen.**

Closing Hymn – O Dearest Jesus What Law Hast Thou Broken 439 Verses 1-5

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

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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.