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Second Sunday in Lent – Saturday, Feb. 24th, 5 p.m. & Sunday, Feb. 25th, 9 a.m.

Sermon: "Bread for the Little Dogs" Sermon Text: Matthew 15:21-28 Divine Service, Setting One, p. 151 Hymns: 734, 754, 623, 719, 693

Welcome guests! We are glad that you are here and pray that you will be blessed through the hearing of Christ's Word. We invite you to sign the guest register in the narthex before you leave and to worship with us again!

Guests and the Lord's Supper—Out of faithfulness to our Lord's Word and in love for all those who desire to commune, we practice closed communion. Our altar is open to those baptized Christians who confess oneness with us in doctrine, are communicant members of our congregation or sister congregations of the Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod, and are not under church discipline in another congregation. If you are not a member of the Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod, please speak to Pastor Koch before approaching the altar.

Saturday Attendance: 25 Communed: 24 Sunday Attendance: 49 Communed: 42

Midweek Lenten Vespers: 46

Weekly Amount Needed for Budget: \$4,523.65 Amount Received Last Week: \$2,510.95

THIS WEEK AT MT. ZION:

ZOOM BIBLE STUDY	MONDAY	7:00 PM
LENTEN SUPPER	WEDNESDAY	5:30 PM
VESPERS SERVICE	WEDNESDAY	6:30 PM
PRIVATE ABSOLUTION-	SATURDAY	4:15-4:45 PM
	SUNDAY	8:15-8:45 AM
DIVINE SERVICE-	SATURDAY	5:00 PM
	SUNDAY	9:00 AM
BIBLE CLASS &		
SUNDAY SCHOOL –	SUNDAY	10:20 AM

Service Note–During the penitential season of Lent, the Hymn of Praise is omitted from the liturgy and no Alleluias are used. Therefore, the Gloria in Excelsis will not be sung. We will proceed directly from the Kyrie (p. 152) to the Collect (p. 156). Also, the verse "Return to the Lord your God" will be sung before the Gospel reading.

The flowers at the foot of the cross and this week's bulletins are given to the glory of God by Gordon and Gladys Hakala in thanksgiving for their 58th wedding anniversary. Congratulations, and God's richest blessings to you!

Easter Flowers— Today is the last day to order flowers to adorn our altar for Easter. Please sign up on the sheet in the hall. Lilies and Hyacinths are \$13.50. Please put payment in an envelope provided by the chart and place in the offering plate. Thank you!

Newsletters are in! Please check your mailbox for the March issue.

Zoom Bible Study - <u>Unforgivable? How God's Forgiveness</u> <u>Transforms Our Lives</u> -This is the title of the book that we are studying on Monday nights at 7:00 pm. A link will be sent out Monday morning for you to join us. Or simply use the Meeting ID 414 282 4900 to enter the Zoom room.

Hope House Donations – This is the final week to add to our donations for Hope House. Thank you to all who have contributed!

Lenten Suppers - Meals will be served at 5:30 p.m.. and Vespers will be at 6:30 p.m. All meals have been covered, but we still need volunteers for desserts and clean-up. If anyone has questions, contact Katie Halverson at 414-840-2888.

Coffee Hour Volunteers Are Needed!—We are looking for volunteers for Coffee Hour! The sign-up sheet for 2024 is in the hallway. Thank you!

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About Today's Readings

Jacob wrestled with God; he would not let Him go until he received a blessing from Him (Gen. 32:22–32). So it was with the Canaanite woman. Though Jesus seemed to ignore and reject her, she continued to call upon His name and look to Him for help (Mt. 15:21–28). Even when the Lord called her a little dog, she held on to Him in faith and would not let Him wriggle out of His words: "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." This Gentile woman shows herself to be a true Israelite, who struggles with God and man in Christ and prevails. "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire" (Mt. 15:27-28). This is the sanctifying will of God (1 Thess. 4:1-7)—to test your faith in order that it may be refined and strengthened. For tribulation produces perseverance; perseverance, character; character, hope. And hope in Christ does not disappoint (Rom. 5:1–5).

Reminiscere (The 2nd Sunday in Lent)



"Have mercy on me, OLord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed"

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