

where we listen for the new word God has for us today. **We are glad you are here!**

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

God, open my heart to Your Holy Gospel message this day. Thank you for the privilege of hearing Your Word with my faith family. Amen.

A QUOTE FOR THE WEEK:

The best mathematical equation ever given:
1 cross + 3 nails = 4 given.

All visitors to Zion, you are encouraged to wear your mask as COVID cases remain steady in our community. If you are feeling sick, please stay home to rest and recover.

All worshipers, please sign the Fellowship Registry book at the end of your pew. Thanks.

Join us for **Fellowship Time** after today's worship service. **Adult Bible Class** begins at 10:20 AM in the Conference Room (across from the church offices). **Sunday School** is back! It will start today for the younger children (in the Art-Craft Room).

Need **prayers** for healing or any other concerns? Request the Pastor or elders to pray for you in public worship or privately as the needs arise (James 5:14-16.) Call the church office to contact Pastor Matt (507) 373-8609.

Zion's Weekly Announcements

Sunday, April 3, 2022



LUTHERAN HOUR for April 3

On KATE Radio (1450 AM) at 6:00 PM

"This Is the Feast" -- Text: Luke 22:27

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

A costly and extravagant meal prepared by a master chef symbolizes the meal Christ serves to His people, the Church.

SUMMARY OF TODAY'S LESSONS

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

God's Beloved Son Has Redeemed Us

Our life and works apart from Christ, no matter how they may glitter to the eyes of the world, are ultimately rubbish and have no righteousness.

Rather, in the scandalous cross of Jesus, we find our righteousness alone "*through faith in Christ*" (Phil. 3:9). By such faith, we "*know him and the power of his resurrection*" (Phil. 3:10). For the same God who brought Israel out of Egypt has done a "*new thing*" for us in Christ Jesus (Is. 43:19). He has sent His beloved Son into His vineyard to be killed by sinful men and to become "*the stone that the builders rejected*." Yet, the One rejected by men "*has become the cornerstone*" of His Church (Luke 20:17).

Through the waters of Holy Baptism, He provides us daily refreshment in our earthly pilgrimage, "*a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert*" (Is. 43:19).

STEWARDSHIP PONDERINGS

Luke 20:16 – “He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others.’ When they heard this, they said, ‘Surely not!’” The crowds were shocked at Jesus' parable because they took the grace of God for granted. They never thought that God would actually take “the vineyard” away from them. But we only have access

to God by faith. And we can drive faith and the Holy Spirit away. That is the warning of the parable. The Lord has graciously given us His Kingdom. Let us not take it for granted but instead respond with humble thanksgiving!

WITNESS AND OUTREACH

Luke 20:9-20: Jesus alone is the way to forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. God forbids that we should be like the rebellious tenants. We ask that God grants that with believing hearts, we may share our saving faith with people who are living in spiritual darkness.

CHILDREN'S Sunday School

"**A Prayer Lesson**" is the title of this week's Bible lesson. With Jesus' disciples, we, too, implore, "Lord, teach us to pray" (Luke 11:1). Jesus teaches His disciples—and all humankind—the prayer used throughout the Church to this day. Jesus follows His instruction with a parable illustrating how our heavenly Father unfailingly hears all our prayers. As a family, challenge one another to recite the Lord's Prayer from memory.

LENTEN SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

"Trees"

1. The Two Trees in Paradise
2. The Burning Bush
3. The Staff of Moses
4. The Serpent Pole
5. **The Root and Shoot of Jesse – TODAY**
6. The Tree of the Cross



The Bible class is at 10:20 AM in the Conference Room. All are welcome and encouraged to join us!!

MONDAY MORNING MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

We are on break. Class will resume on Monday, April 25 at 6:30 AM.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Wednesday, April 6, 2022

6:15 PM

(following the Lenten Service)



Study Topic: The Lord's Prayer

Memory Work:

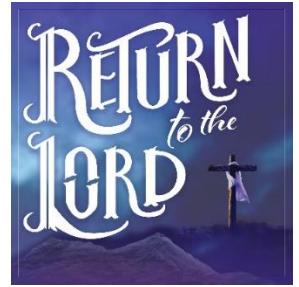
- 4th and 5th Petition and Meaning
- O.T. Books of the Bible: Matthew-James

MIDWEEK SERVICE OF LENT

Wednesday, April 6, 2022

11:30 AM & 5:30 PM

"Return to
the Kingdom of God"



Jesus is the King who leads by example rather than by force. The King who offers Himself to ensure the salvation of His people. He is the King who calls us to return to His rule and reign so that He can pour out blessings on us.



ZION CHOIR! We are planning on singing Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Easter Sunday at both services.

Rehearsal this week . . . Wednesday, April 6

(following the evening Lenten Service.)

We would love to have more singers; we need especially Sopranos and Altos. - Eileen Nelson Ness

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

The church choir director was frustrated because at least one member was missing from each Easter cantata rehearsal. At the final rehearsal, she announced, "I wish to publicly thank the tenor for being the only choir member to attend every rehearsal."



"It's the least I could do," said the tenor, "since I won't be here for Easter."

FAMILY NIGHT

calendars and join us!!

Zion's Youth
Nights are back,
baby!!! With a
twist . . . it is now
Family FUN Night!
Mark your



Saturday, April 9 from 4-6 PM

Life size Candyland, Easter egg hunt, and craft,
plus a supper. No need to have youth to attend,
all are welcome! Come cheer on the littles and
enjoy some fellowship! Hope to see you there!



Worship Schedule for **Holy Week**



April 10-17, 2022

Palm Sunday, April 10 @ 9:00 AM
Palms, Procession, & Holy Communion

Maundy Thursday, April 14 @ 7:00 PM
Holy Communion

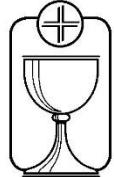
Good Friday, April 15 @ 7:00 PM
Tenebrae (Last Words of Christ)

Easter Sunday, April 17 @ 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM
Festival Service with Holy Communion
"Alleluia! Christ Is Risen!"

*Invite your family, friends, and
neighbors to join you for these Holy
Week worship services!*

HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord's Supper is celebrated in this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.



Those desiring to be guests at the Lord's Table must:

1. Believe in Jesus as Savior and Lord (John 3:16; 2 Cor. 1:20);
2. Believe that in, with and under the bread and wine they receive the true body and blood of Christ (1 Cor. 10:17; 1 Cor. 11:23-32);
3. Confess their sins, seek the assurance of forgiveness, and intend with God's help to amend their sinful life (1 John 1:8-9; Rm. 12:1).

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive this sacrament are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder.

LET LAUGHTER 'SPRING' FORTH!

"Spring is when you feel like whistling, even with a shoe full of slush." (Doug Larson)

"Easter is the only time when it's perfectly safe to put all of your eggs in one basket." (Evan Esar)

"Spring is the time of year when it is summer in the sun and winter in the shade." (Charles Dickens)

"The world is mud-luscious and puddle wonderful." (e.e. cummings)

"In the spring, at the end of the day, you should smell like dirt." (Margaret Atwood)

+ This Week's Calendar +

Sunday, April 3, 2022 – The Fifth Sunday in Lent (It is Mite Box Sunday!)

9:00 AM – In-Person Service with Holy Communion
10:20 AM – Sunday School and Adult Bible Class
4:00 PM – Online Worship Service (available)
6:00 PM – Lutheran Hour on KATE Radio (1450 AM)

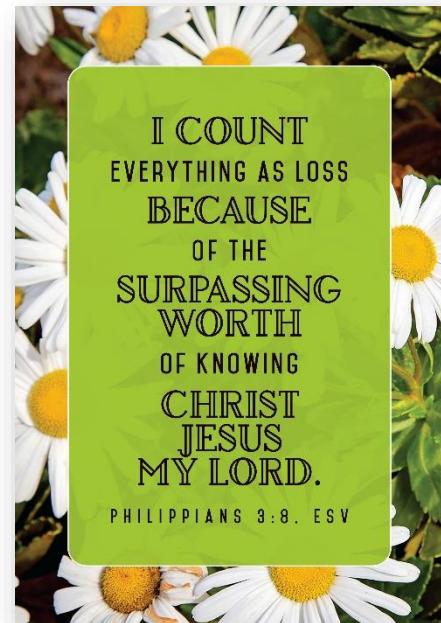


Monday, April 4, 2022

6:30 PM – Albert Lea Cantori Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Tuesday, April 5, 2022

9:00 AM – Austin Circuit Meeting @ Zion (Sanctuary-Fellowship Hall)
10:00 AM – Hannah Circle Bible Study and Meeting @ Zion (Conference Room)
1:00 PM – Martha Circle Bible Study and Meeting @ Zion (Conference Room)
4:30 PM – Ruth Circle Bible Study and Meeting @ Zion (Jean Prescher's home)
6:00 PM – Girl Scouts @ Zion (Fellowship Hall)
7:00 PM – Elders Meeting @ Zion (Conference Room)



Wednesday, April 6, 2022 – Lent Midweek VI

9:00 AM – Quilters (Quilting Rooms)
11:30 AM – Midweek Worship
5:30 PM – Midweek Worship
6:15 PM – Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
6:15 PM – Confirmation Class (Conference Room)

Thursday, April 7, 2022

6:45 PM – GA Meeting (Conference Room)

Friday, April 8, 2022

Pastor's Day Off (Office Closed)

Saturday, April 9, 2022

9:00 AM – Communion Set-up (Flower and Altar)
4-6 PM – Family Game Night and Meal (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, April 10, 2022 – Palm Sunday

9:00 AM – In-Person Service with Holy Communion
10:20 AM – Sunday School and Adult Bible Class
4:00 PM – Online Worship Service (available)
6:00 PM – Lutheran Hour on KATE Radio (1450 AM)



PREPARE FOR NEXT SUNDAY: The appointed Scripture readings for **Palm Sunday (April 10)** --- Deuteronomy 32:36-39; Psalm 118:19-29; Philippians 2:5-11, John 12:12-19, & Mark 11:10-11.

Week of March 27, 2022

In-Person Attendance: 93
In-Person Communion: 84
YouTube Views: 40
Sunday Adult Bible Class: 10
Men's Bible Class: 9
Confirmation Class: 9

Lenten Midweek V, March 30, 2022

In-Person Attendance: 69
YouTube Views: 26

Church Office Hours

Monday-Thursday: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
and afternoon by appointment
Friday: Office Closed • Saturday: by appointment

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