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The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany ~ February 24, 2019

Psalm:

Psalm 103:1-13

Old Testament:

Genesis 45:1-15

Epistle Reading:

1st Corinthians 15:21-26, 30-42

Gospel Reading:

Luke 6:27-38

Sermon: "Love Your Enemies" Luke 6:27-38 Pastor Gless

Choir Anthem: "On Eagles Wings"

8:00 AM Hymns:

"You Are the Way; Through You Alone" LSB 526 [Hymn of the Month]

"Love in Christ Is Strong and Living" LSB 706

"Lord of Glory, You Have Brought Us" LSB 851

"O Love, How Deep" LSB 544

"O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth" LSB 834

The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod belief about the Sacrament of the Altar:

(also called the Lord's Supper and Holy Communion)

What is the Sacrament of the Altar?

It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ [in, with, and] under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ himself for us Christians to eat and to drink. *(Matthew 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25)*

What is the benefit of such eating and drinking?

These words “given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins” show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation are given to us in the sacrament through these words.

Who receives the sacrament worthily?

The person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.” But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words “for you” require all hearts to believe. *(Martin Luther, Small Catechism).*

“We must never regard the sacrament as a harmful thing from which we should flee, but as a pure, wholesome, soothing medicine that aids you and gives life in both soul and body. For where the soul is healed, the body is helped as well. Why, then, do we act as if the sacrament were a poison that would kill us if we ate of it? Of course, it is true that those who despise the sacrament and lead unchristian lives receive it to their damnation... But those who feel their weakness, who are anxious to be rid of it and desire help, should regard and use the sacrament as a precious antidote against the poison in their systems. For here in the sacrament you are to receive from Christ's lips the forgiveness of sins, which contains and brings with it God's grace and Spirit with all his gifts, protection, defense, and power against death, the devil, and every trouble.” *Martin Luther Large Catechism*

FOR OUR GUESTS...

We are delighted to have all guests and visitors with us today! As we celebrate Holy Communion, if you have not yet been instructed in the faith, or if you hold to a faith different than the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, it is out of love that we would, for the moment, invite you to refrain from partaking of this meal until we have had a chance to talk with you about our beliefs and practices. If you desire to learn more about our practice of the Lord's Supper, you are invited to be a part of Zion's *Welcome to Worship* class which is held twice a year. In the meantime, please feel free to come forward for a blessing, placing your arms across your chest to let the pastor know you would like to receive that blessing. As our pastors desire to faithfully love and care for you, please respect our position of love on this matter. In addition to the individual cups, we also offer the **Common Cup** during the administration of the Lord's Supper. **Non-Alcoholic White Wine** is also available in the center portion of each communion tray. **Gluten free wafers** are available. Please request a gluten-free wafer from the pastor.

IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK, please include:

- *Those who are in God's care, especially our shut-ins*
- *Also for Pastor LeRoy LaPlant, Arlys Honebrink, David Roy, Lorraine Thaemert, Dick Krahn, James Hagen, Carol Carlson, Lucille Farniok, Edna Ernst, Dolores Hoese, Kathy Ecklund, Myron Schuette, Lynn Zellman, Barb Grimm, Eldoras Schuette, Loren Splettstoesz, Barb Splettstoesz.*
- *Blessings for those celebrating birthdays this week: 25– Chuck Maetzold; 26– Barb Grimm, Luke Vanderlinde; 27– Gregg Asplund, Adam Gless; 28– Cade Lommel; 29– Olivia Quiram; 1– Kristin Iverson, Layla Nahmensen, Roxanne Wilmes; 2– Lincoln Buesgens.*
- *Blessings for those celebrating anniversaries this week: 26– Aron & Melissa Peters (14), Jim & Becky Vanderlinde (32).*
- *Our missionaries: Todd Roeske and family (Alaska & Philippines), Pastor James May and Family (Lutherans in Africa). Seminarian Mark Peters & his wife Martha (nee Buckentin) (Fort Wayne)*
- *Please remember Zion's call committee in your prayers as the call process continues.*



PRAYER MINISTRY– Zion's Prayer Chain is available for your use! To initiate a prayer, please call one of the following contact persons: Arleen Hoese (657-1049), Marlene Jopp (657-2398), or Sharon Buckentin (657-2549). You may also use prayer cards (found in church pews) to request prayers from prayer chain or during Sunday worship.

INCLUDING CHILDREN IN WORSHIP—We welcome children in the worship service! Worship Bags for toddlers are available to help you share the worship experience with your child. They're located at the balcony stairs.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING —Operating Fund (Church, School, LHS, Missions): \$10,927.66; Debt Reduction: \$120; Help A Neighbor: \$100; Building Fund (Maintenance): \$50.00; Building Fund (New): \$50.00; Zion Youth: \$50.00. *Honor the Lord with your wealth, and with the first fruits of all your income. Then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine." Proverbs 3:9-10.*

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BEHOLD THE MAN! LENTEN MIDWEEK SERIES

“Behold the man!” proclaimed the unwitting preacher Pontius Pilate in one of the shortest, yet most profound, sermons ever recorded. This will be our endeavor during this season of Lent. We will fix our eyes and our preaching on the man Jesus, contemplating the inescapable fact—indeed the most important fact in the course of human history—that God became man.

This Lent, we will consider what it means that God became man. In preparation for the celebration of a real, bodily, flesh-and-blood, bone-and-sinew resurrection, the resurrection without which our faith and our preaching are all in vain, consider the body of Jesus that exists in order to be nailed to a cross. The spiritual, bodyless Son of God became the embodied, enfleshed, incarnate Son of Mary. In Jesus, God has human flesh, a body, just like you. What could be more profound?

Each week, we’ll consider a different aspect of the body of Jesus Christ. What does it mean that, in Jesus, God has hands, feet, lungs, lips, eyes, and ears?

Please join us each Wednesday during the season of Lent as we join together to...

“BEHOLD THE MAN!”

ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6:	“A GOD WHO HUNGERS”	PASTOR ADAM GLESS
Wednesday, March 13:	“A God Exposed”	Pastor Eric Nelson
Wednesday, March 20:	“A God Beaten”	Pastor Gerald Schwanke
Wednesday, March 27:	“A God Who Thirsts”	Pastor Adam Gless
Wednesday, April 3:	“A God Who Prays”	Pastor Mike Michalk
Wednesday, April 10:	“A God with a Mother”	Pastor Paul Krentz

Lent Schedule:

March 6—Ash Wednesday 7:00 service with Holy Communion

March 13, 20, 20, 27, April 3, 10 - 7:00 services

April 14- Palm Sunday

April 18- Maundy Thursday 7:00 service with Holy Communion

April 19-Good Friday 7:00 service

April 21-Easter Sunday 6:30 Sunrise at Zion, 9:00 with Holy Communion at Mayer Lutheran High School

UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS ...

Zion Church Directories– For those individuals/families that got their pictures taken or submitted photographs, your free directory is located in the narthex. If you did not have your photographs taken or submit a picture for the directory, but would like one, directories can be purchased from the church office for \$6.50 each. We have limited quantities of directories available.

Zion Mayer Dartball team: Our next game is Feb 26 at Young America. Zion remains in first place after winning two out of three games against Hollywood. Whether you are interested in playing or have questions please contact Jason Hoesel at 952-334-9559 or 952-955-2331.



Please join us for Friendship Sunday, March 3rd. To celebrate the upcoming Ash Wednesday Service, we will be serving Southern biscuits (a sausage and cheese breakfast sandwich). Feel free to bring a friend March 3rd or, even any Sunday, to share in the good news of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Financial Peace University—Begins March 3rd. Please sign up for the class by contacting the office or emailing zionfpu@gmail.com This will be a 9 session class! Financial Peace University is a program that teaches you how to beat debt, build wealth, and keep your own economy thriving. During this life-changing course, you will learn: To put together a monthly spending plan that really works, The step-by-step process for getting out of debt for good!, How to set financial goals and really communicate about money, And much more!



LWML North/South Carver Zones– Spring Work Shop will be March 2 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Watertown. Connie Dehn will be presenting. Registration is \$5. Continental Breakfast at 8:45, Presentation at 9:30. RSVP by Sunday, Feb 24 to Ruth Bury (952-955-2836).

Lenten Suppers Join our Mission Board and Senior Youth as they serve Lenten Suppers before services March 6-April 10 beginning at 5:15 in the church basement. Free will donations.

Pork Chop Dinner—Sponsored by Carver County Lutheran Laymans League and Orphan Grain Train. March 10th from 11:00am-1:00pm. At Mayer Lutheran High School, free will offering. This fundraiser supports scholarships, Orphan Grain Train, and Lutheran Hour Ministries.

February 24 – Epiphany VII – Death never comes as a friend. Death always arrives as enemy (1 Corinthians 15:26). It doesn't offer a gentle and effective solution to distress but instead imposes ultimately greater suffering and difficulty. Attempting treaties with death delivers only captivity rather than the control it advertises. Christ Jesus, crucified and risen for our well-being, exercises authority over how we live and when we die so that we don't have to bear the burden.



Thank you to everyone who came out for the F.A.I.T.H. event last Sunday!



ZION SCHOOL NEWS...

“Sharing Hope, Teaching Christ!”...

Zion’s website www.zionmayer.org

Chapel offerings for second quarter go towards 363 Days
(363days.org)

SALT SALES – If you are in need of salt, please use the salt sheets in the narthex, or call the school office, 952-657-2339. Thank you for your support!

Preschool and Kindergarten enrollment is now open to the public. If you have not turned in enrollment forms, please send the form and registration fee (\$85 preschool/\$100 kindergarten) to the office as soon as possible. This is a great time of year to be talking with others in our community about our school. Please have them call the school office or email Mr. Baumann (jbaumann.zion@gmail.com)

Zion Lutheran School is hosting a **Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser** - March 17 from 9:15 am -1pm. Free will offering - proceeds will go towards the DC trip in 2020 for the current 6th and 7th graders. Meal includes several pancake flavors, toppings, sausage, coffee, and juice.



Kwik Trip is discontinuing their Milk Moola program. If you have any Milk Moola, please bring it into the school before March 15th. Thank you!

Save the date: Our next Auction for Education will be May 4th. Our theme will be the Kentucky Derby!





SHARING HOPE—TEACHING CHRIST . . .

during the week of February 24

Today:	Worship/Holy Communion	8:00 AM
	Bible Class/Sunday School	9:15 AM
	Worship/Holy Communion	10:30 AM
	Senior Youth Group	4:00 PM
Monday:	Faculty Meeting	3:15 PM
Tuesday:	Quilters	9:00 AM-3:00 PM
	Parent/Teacher Conf	6:00 PM-9:00 PM
Wednesday:	Chapel	8:30 AM
	Midweek Bible Class	10:00 AM
	Midweek Catechesis	3:45 PM
	Ladies Bible Class	7:15 PM
Next Sunday:	Friendship Sunday	
	Worship/Holy Communion	8:00 AM
	Bible Class/Sunday School	9:15 AM
	Worship/Holy Communion	10:30 AM
	Financial Peace University	6:00 PM-8:00 PM

SERVING THE LORD & HIS PEOPLE TODAY:

Worship Leader/Preacher: Rev. Adam Gless

Elder: Stefan Wismar

Greeters: **Early:** Curt & Peggy Lundeen, Eugene Grimm,
Boersma Family

Late: Leon & Joleen Guetzkow, Matt & Kristen Guse, Larry &
Cathy Michaletz, Scott & Yvonne Hoese

Organist: Autumn Frey

Acolytes: Micah Luecke Jada Zajicek

Noah Luecke Rachel Guse

Powerpoint: Monica Wasser Chelsea Rademacher