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The First Sunday in Lent ~ March 10, 2019

Psalm: Psalm 91:1-13

Old Testament: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Epistle Reading: Romans 10:8b-13

Gospel Reading: Luke 4:1-13

Sermon: “Jesus Triumphs Over Temptation” Luke 4:1-13 Pastor Gless

8:00 AM Hymns:

“Upon the Cross Extended” LSB 453 [March Hymn of the Month]

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” LSB 657

“On Eagles’ Wings” LSB 727

“Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness” LSB 636

“O Christ, You Walked the Road” LSB 424

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 Hoes, Kathy Ecklund, Myron Schuette, Lynn Zellman, Barb Grimm, Eldoras Schuette, Loren Splettstoeszer, Barb Splettstoeszer.**
- Blessings for those celebrating birthdays this week: 10– **Dale Kutzke; 11-Aron Peters; 12– Amanda Lundgren; 13– Brian Rademacher; 15– Lydia Devine, Rachel Guse, Erica Hoes; 16– Valerie Grimm, Jacob Mead, Grace Reimer, Courtney Tuttle.**
- Blessings for those celebrating anniversaries this week: None this week
- 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)**



PRAYER MINISTRY– Zion's Prayer Chain is available for your use! To initiate a prayer, please call one of the following contact persons: Arleen Hoes (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): \$12,443.06; Debt Reduction: \$100; Help A Neighbor: \$100; Building Fund (New): \$15. *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.*

Matthew 4:7 – “And Jesus answered him, ‘It is written ...’” Isn’t it interesting that Jesus does not defeat Satan with His power as God, but rather by His perfect obedience in His perfect humanity? Jesus defeats Satan not by miracles, but by quoting the Scriptures and living according to it. This should cause us great joy for two reasons. First, because we see Jesus win the victory for us. Second, because here Jesus shows us how to stand in that victory – on the Word of God alone. Let us build our lives on the sure rock of this Word!

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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!”

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 13, 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 Mayer Dartball team: Our next game is March 13 at Zion against Waconia. Zion won two out of three games against New Germany. They remain in first place.



Lenten Suppers Join our Mission Board and Senior Youth as they serve Lenten Suppers before services March 13-April 10 beginning at 5:15 in the church basement. Free will donations. Menu in the newsletter!

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. **CANCELED**

The Mission board will be collecting 15 ounce cans of mandarin oranges and boxed au gratin or scalloped potatoes for the Friends for Life food shelf. There is a basket in the back that you may put your items in. We need to have the items to the food shelf by April 10th. Thank you in advance for your help in this mission endeavor.

Zion's Annual Easter Faire is Saturday, April 13, from 2 to 4 pm in the Zion school gym. All children up through 6th grade and their families are invited to attend. We will be making Easter crafts, decorating cookies, and egg hunting. Come join the fun and remember to bring your family and friends for a fun filled afternoon of craft making, fun and fellowship! Please check our table in the Narthex for our Volunteer sign up and Wish List. There will be a basket beneath the table for your donations. Prayerfully consider helping us out with your time and talents on the day of the event as well. We need many volunteers to make everything run smoothly. We are

in need of the following: MANY bags of individually wrapped candy, 2 dozen glue sticks, 3 bottles of Tacky Glue, 10 pkgs. washable markers, 1 large bag potting soil, 1 case bottled water, 6 jars of vanilla frosting, 2 pkg. mini m & m's, 2 pkg. mini chocolate chips, egg assemblers and fillers, cookie bakers, craft supervisors, set-up & clean-up assistants, Prayers for a God pleasing, successful event,

and.....many bags of individually wrapped candy



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St. Mark's LWML invite our Zion ladies to their March 14, Thursday evening, LWML meeting at 7:00pm beginning with dessert and followed by the 2019 LWML Prayer Service "***God Cares For You***".

Next Week's Opportunity—Too Big to Miss—You are invited to attend the District-wide Lutheran Hour Rally Celebration on March 17th (4 p.m.) at Hosanna Lutheran, Mankato. Gather with devout others from across our MN South District for this special opportunity to hear the Gospel presented by Pastor Michael Zeigler (new speaker for The Lutheran Hour). A massed choir will perform and there will be music from Hosanna's praise band. Also a ministry expo will be held where you can learn about LHM resources and sharing the Gospel.

Life Thoughts: March 10 – Lent I – Satan goaded Jesus to produce physical proof of His identity and importance (Luke 4:3). But God's promise and power entitled Him to life even in the absence of bread (Luke 4:4). The evil one still insists we gauge a person by material measures. Thanks to our Savior, no one's age, appearance, or ability can impair or improve their sanctity. God's creating, redeeming, and calling Word already renders every human being precious.

REMINDER TO THRIVENT FINANCIAL MEMBERS - Your 2018 Thrivent Choice Dollars need to be designated by MARCH 31, 2019. See March newsletter for additional information or call Darleen Wandersee, Thrivent Advocate, at (952) 955-1615 if questions.

People of the Passion is a devotional booklet provided for us, this Lenten season, by Lutheran Hour Ministries. Copies available in the narthex.

Friendship Sunday



ZION SCHOOL NEWS...

"Sharing Hope, Teaching Christ!"...

Zion's website www.zionmayer.org



Chapel offerings for third quarter go towards Feed My Starving Children.

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!

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! This event will include a dinner, silent auction, and live auction. Reservations to the event will be available soon.

How can you help?

- Please plan on attending the event
- Spread the word and invite family and friends
- Consider donating an item or asking your employer to donate an item, service, gift certificate, or sponsor the event.





**SHARING HOPE—TEACHING CHRIST . . .
during the week of March 10**

Today:	Worship/Holy Communion Bible Class/Sunday School Welcome to Worship Worship/Holy Communion Financial Peace University	8:00 AM 9:15 AM 9:20 AM-10:15 AM 10:30 AM 6:00 PM-8:00 PM
Tuesday:	Quilters	9:00 AM-3:00 PM
Wednesday:	Chapel Midweek Bible Class Midweek Catechesis Junior Youth Lenten Supper Lenten Service	8:30 AM 10:00 AM 3:45 PM 5:00 PM 5:15 PM-6:30 PM 7:00 PM
Next Sunday:	Worship/Holy Communion Bible Class/Sunday School Zion School Pancake Breakfast Worship/Holy Communion LHM Rally in Mankato Financial Peace University	8:00 AM 9:15 AM 9:15 AM-1:00 PM 10:30 AM 4:00 PM 6:00 PM-8:00 PM

SERVING THE LORD & HIS PEOPLE TODAY:

Worship Leader/Preacher: Rev. Adam Gless

Elder: Ryan Schuette

Greeters: **Early:** Rod & Lois Maetzold, Adam Maetzold, Keith & Susan Heinlein

Late: Rex & Gayle Guthland, Jason & Jenni Hoese, Jared & Kim Switch

Organist: Autumn Frey

Acolytes: Micah Luecke Levi Hahn

 Noah Luecke Breana Houser

Powerpoint: Wally Bucketin Megan Thomas

Readings for Next Week: Jeremiah 26:8-15, Philippians 3:17-4:1, Luke 13:31-35