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*Sharing Hope ~ Teaching Christ.*

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## The Second Sunday in Lent ~ March 17, 2019

**Psalm:** Psalm 4  
**Old Testament:** Jeremiah 26:8-15  
**Epistle Reading:** Philippians 3:17-4:1  
**Gospel Reading:** Luke 13:31-35

**Sermon:** "Following the Rejected Prophet" Luke 13:31-35 Pastor Gless

**8:00 AM Hymns:**

"Children of the Heavenly Father" LSB 725

"Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart" LSB 708

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

"How Firm a Foundation" LSB 728

"Rise, Shine, You People" LSB 825

## **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: 17– Curtis Hedtke, Dru Houser, Carter Thaemert, Kathy Thaemert, Darla Wisch; 18– Ron Hoese, Rhett Kovar, Braydon Vinkemeier; 19– Kate Esser, Jackie Swartz; 20– Breana Houser, Mardell Kutzke, Molly Rasmussen; 22– Isaiah Wasser; 23– Tom Derner, Loren Splettstoesz.*
- *Blessings for those celebrating anniversaries this week: 17– Dan & Holli Pohl (8); 20– Mike & Mary Cohrs (20); 21– Pat & Carol Esser (27), Eddie & Lindsay Hoefft (10).*
- *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 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): \$13,234.44; Debt Reduction: \$75; Help A Neighbor: \$110; Building Fund (New): \$115; Lutherans for Life: \$20.00. *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!”**

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 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:** Zion finishes the season in 1st place after winning three games against Waconia last Tuesday. On March 17 they will be playing at the county dartball tournament.



**Lenten Suppers** Join our Mission Board and Senior Youth as they serve Lenten Suppers before services March 20-April 10 beginning at 5:15 in the church basement. Free will donations. Menu in the newsletter!

**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.

**Kenya Servant Event Presentation:** Join members of our Kenya Servant Event team as they present on their trip this past winter on April 7th during Sunday bible class hour!

**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



**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.

**Planning to Go?** This afternoon at 4 p.m., Hosanna Lutheran, Mankato, becomes the site of our District-wide Lutheran Hour Rally Celebration. Don't hesitate to make the trip (whether short or long) for inspiration, fellowship, encouragement, and to express your hearty thanksgiving for a thoroughly loving Savior, Jesus Christ.

**Today is Food Shelf Sunday**—Friends for Life in Watertown thank us for our abundant donation of 126 pounds of groceries that Ralph & Karen Unglaub delivered in February, plus a \$200.00 donation given. Thank you for loving our neighbors.

**Zion volunteers work at Bethesda** thrift store in Minnetonka, Tuesday, March 19. If you can help out, volunteers are always welcome. If you have items to donate, please place them in the NE corner of the narthex.

**March 17 – Lent II** – My body, my choice? We don't have to settle for so little. Each human body belongs to the Lord Jesus Christ (Philippians 3:20-21)! He paid by dying and rising to make it His twice over. He is perfecting it after the pattern of His own glorified body. Even on earth and amid adversity, He declares and demonstrates His heavenly kingdom through our bodies. My body, God's gift! His bidding, my delight!

**Philippians 3:19** – “Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things.” St. Paul does not want us to set our minds on earthly things, for they are passing away. This is similar to what Jesus says about storing up treasures on earth rather than storing them in heaven. Our heart tends to go where we put our treasure. This is why God commands us to live generously; not to spoil our fun but to help train us in keeping our priorities straight and our minds off earthly things.

## **ZION SCHOOL NEWS...**

***“Sharing Hope, Teaching Christ!”...***

Zion’s website [www.zionmayer.org](http://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.



**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 17**

Today:	Worship/Holy Communion	8:00 AM
	Bible Class/Sunday School	9:15 AM
	Welcome to Worship	9:20 AM-10:15 AM
	Zion School Pancake Breakfast	9:15 AM-1:00 PM
	Worship/Holy Communion	10:30 AM
	LHM Rally in Mankato	4:00 PM
	Financial Peace University	6:00 PM-8:00 PM
Monday:	No School ~ Office Open 8 AM-12:00 PM & 1:00 PM-4:00 PM	
Tuesday:	Quilters	9:00 AM-3:00 PM
	Volunteers at Bethesda	10:00 AM-3:00 PM
Wednesday:	Chapel	8:30 AM
	Midweek Bible Class	10:00 AM
	Midweek Catechesis	3:45 PM
	Lenten Supper	5:15 PM-6:30 PM
	Lenten Service	7:00 PM
Thursday:	LFL Lifelines @ Westview Acres	1:00 PM
	All Boards	7:00 PM
Next Sunday:	Worship/Holy Communion	8:00 AM
	Bible Class/Sunday School	9:15 AM
	Welcome to Worship	9:20 AM-10:15 AM
	Worship/Holy Communion	10:30 AM
	Senior Youth	4:00 PM
	Financial Peace University	6:00 PM-8:00 PM

**SERVING THE LORD & HIS PEOPLE TODAY:**

**Worship Leader/Preacher:** Rev. Adam Gless

**Elder:** Dale Kovar

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

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

**Organist:** Wanda Honebrink

**Acolytes:** Jack Baumann                      Grace Knutson

Carly Tuttle                                      Greta Knutson

**Powerpoint:** Micah Luecke                      Adam Erdman