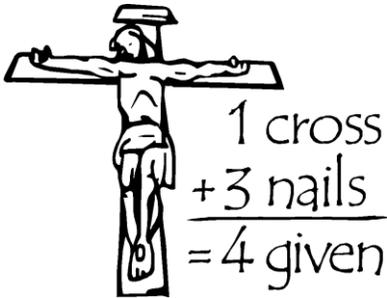


Zion Lutheran Church Mission Statement

*“Bonded in Christ’s love, we teach, preach, and equip God’s people
for discipleship here and throughout the world.”*



Second Sunday in Lent

March 13, 2022

His Nail

Prelude & Bell

Why a nail during Lent? Throughout these forty days we will try to give some answers to that question. Some of the answers are probably obvious. Others will be more subtle.

Why a nail during Lent? To help us think about something specifically about the suffering and death of our Lord Jesus Christ and about the meaning of that suffering and death for us personally.

+ Gathering +

P- Though we sometimes doubt and often resist God’s to protect and save us, our God persists.

C- In the day of trouble, God will give me shelter. –Psalm 27:5

P- God’s people have been called and gathered into a God-initiated relationship that will endure forever.

C- In the day of trouble, God will give me shelter. –Psalm 27:5

P- Lent provides another occasion to behold the God of our salvation in the face of the Blessed One who “comes in the name of the Lord.”

C- In the day of trouble, God will give me shelter. –Psalm 27:5

+ Confession & Forgiveness +

As you are able, please stand.

P- In the name of God,
who makes a way in the wilderness,
walks with us,
and guides us in our pilgrimage.

C- Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

P- Holy One,

**C- we confess that we have wandered far from you:
we have not trusted your promises,
we have ignored your prophets in our own day,
we have squandered our inheritance of grace,
we have failed to recognize you in our midst.**

Have mercy on us!

Forgive us and turn us again to you.

Teach us to follow in your ways,

assure us again of your love,

and help us to love our neighbor. Amen.

P- Beloved in Christ,

the Word draws near to you,

and all that call out to God shall be saved.

In Jesus, God comes to you again and again

and gathers you under wings of love.

In + Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven.

God journeys with you and teaches how to live in love.

C- Amen. *Please be seated.*

+ We Sing +

Hymn- Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life 719 ELW

Where cross the crowded ways of life,
where sound the cries of race and clan,
above the noise of selfish strife,
we hear your voice, O Son of Man.

2 In haunts of wretchedness and need,
on shadowed thresholds dark with fears,
from paths where hide the lures of greed,
we catch the vision of your tears.

3 From tender childhood's helplessness,
from human grief and burdened toil,
from famished souls, from sorrow's stress,
your heart has never known recoil.

4 The cup of water giv'n for you
still holds the freshness of your grace;
yet long these multitudes to view
the strong compassion in your face.

5 O Master, from the mountainside
make haste to heal these hearts of pain;
among these restless throngs abide;
oh, tread the city's streets again;

6 Till all the world shall learn your love,
and follow where your feet have trod;
till glorious from your heav'n above
shall come the city of our God.

Children's Time

+ The Word of God +

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Lector – God promises a childless and doubting Abram that he will have a child, that his descendants will be as numerous as the stars, and that the land of Canaan will be their inheritance. Abram's trust in God with a covenant-making ceremony, a sign of God's promise.

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great. But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your

descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.” Here ends this reading.

Psalm 27 – Read responsively.

The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

When evildoers assail me
to devour my flesh—
my adversaries and foes—
they shall stumble and fall.

Though an army encamp against me,
my heart shall not fear;
though war rise up against me,
yet I will be confident.

One thing I asked of the LORD,
that will I seek after:
to live in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the LORD,
and to inquire in his temple.

For he will hide me in his shelter
in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will set me high on a rock.

Now my head is lifted up
above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in his tent

**sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the LORD.**

Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud,
be gracious to me and answer me!
'Come,' my heart says, 'seek his face!'
**Your face, LORD, do I seek.
Do not hide your face from me.**

Do not turn your servant away in anger,
you who have been my help.
Do not cast me off, do not forsake me,
O God of my salvation!
If my father and mother forsake me,
the LORD will take me up.

Teach me your way, O LORD,
**and lead me on a level path
because of my enemies.**
Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries,
**for false witnesses have risen against me,
and they are breathing out violence.**

I believe that I shall see the goodness of the LORD
in the land of the living.

Wait for the LORD;
**be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for the LORD!**

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Lector – Although Paul's devotion to Christ has caused him to be persecuted, he does not regret the course he is taking. Writing from prison, he expresses confidence in a glorious future and encourages other Christians to follow in his footsteps. Paul writes:

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. Here ends this reading.

+ Prayer of the Day +

P- God of the covenant,

C- in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Luke 13:31-35

P- Neither Herod's plotting nor Jerusalem's resistance to his maternal love, will deter Jesus from his sacrificial mission.

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." [Jesus] said to them, "**Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem.'** Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a

hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.' ” The Gospel of the Lord.

C- Praise to you, O Christ!

Reflection by Arden W. Mead

Nails are very useful things. But often it takes a lot of them to get the job done.

If you have been using ***your nail*** each day this Lenten season to assist you in your meditating, perhaps today is a good time to be aware that ***you are not alone*** in this activity. Many people, in many parts of the world, are using ***nails*** like yours to help them meditate on the meaning of Christ's suffering and death.

Today would be a good day to think about them: Who are your fellow Christians?...Where are they?...How did you get that way?...What do you have in common?...How does it help you that they are there?...Does it help to know that you are there too?

Message - But often it takes a lot of them to get the job done!

+ We Sing +

Offering Hymn – Restore in Us, O God ELW 328

Restore in us, O God,
the splendor of your love;
renew your image in our hearts,
and all our sins remove.

2 O Spirit, wake in us
the wonder of your pow'r;

from fruitless fear unfurl our lives
like springtime bud and flow'r.

3 Bring us, O Christ, to share
the fullness of your joy;
baptize us in the risen life
that death cannot destroy.

4 Three-personed God, fulfill
the promise of your grace,
that we, when all our searching ends,
may see you face to face.

Offering Prayer

As you are able, please stand.

P- We humbly gather up these gifts for use in your church,
in your ministry and for your mission.

**C- For that grace and for all your gifts,
we offer up our thanks and praise. Amen**

+ Apostles' Creed +

P- By **HIS nail** we seek to profess our faith found in the Apostles'
Creed:

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,**

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

Prayers of the Church – *When the pastor says, “Lord in your mercy” please respond with “hear our prayer!”*

+ Lord’s Prayer +

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

+ Our Faith Statement +

P- The First Commandment demands from us a whole love for God—“with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your might.”

Nothing less is acceptable. Is there anyone or anything we love more than God?

C- How well have we kept it?

P- Perhaps more honestly, how seriously have we broken it? Is there anyone or anything we fear more than God?

C- Like our own reputation, what others might think of us if we truly live according to this commandment.

P- Is there anyone or anything we love more than God?

C- Like money or pleasure or even a soft pillow on Sunday morning.

P- Is there anyone or anything we trust more than God?

C- Like our own wisdom or will or abilities.

P- The nail we carry is our nail. Think about that.

P- But it is also Christ's nail...may we think on that!

+ Our Sending +

P- Help me speak what's right and good

C- and keep silence on occasion;

P- help me pray, Lord, as I should,

C- help me bear my tribulations.

P- Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways

C- to keep his statutes!

P- Oh, that my God would grant me grace.

C- to know and do his will!

P- You are children of God,

anointed with the oil of gladness

and strengthened for the journey.

Almighty God,

majestic and mighty,

+ bless you this day and forever.

C- Amen

P- Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.

C-Thanks be to God!

+ We Sing +

Hymn – Jesus, The Very Thought of You 754 ELW

Jesus, the very thought of you
fills us with sweet delight;
but sweeter far your face to view
and rest within your light.

2 No voice can sing, no heart can frame,
nor can the mind recall
a sweeter sound than your blest name,
O Savior of us all!

3 O Hope of ev'ry contrite soul,
O Joy of all the meek,
how kind you are to those who fall!
How good to those who seek!

4 O Jesus, be our joy today;
help us to prize your love;
grant us at last to hear you say:
"Come, share my home above."

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This Week

Sunday School, 8:45 am
Breakfast Club, 9 am
God's Grace DVD series, 9 am
Worship 10 am

Monday

Men's Choir Practice 7 pm

Wednesday

Second Wednesday in Lent 7 pm
7th and 8th Confirmation 6-7 pm

Next Sunday

Sunday School, 8:45 am
Breakfast Club, 9 am
God's Grace DVD series, 9 am
Worship 10 am

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to worship! Warm Welcome to all our visitors. We would love to have you visit again! We ask that you please sign a visitor card located in the pews and bring the

information section of the card to the information center desk, located in the unity room. We are so glad you are here!

HANDICAP PARKING-IN THE NEED FOR MORE HANDICAP PARKING FOR OUR WORSHIP SERVICES, WE WILL BEGIN TO USE ALL SPACES FROM PARSONAGE TO NORTH DOORS OF CHURCH FOR THOSE THAT HAVE DIFFICULTY WALKING OR USE WALKERS. PLEASE BE CONSIDERATE OF THOSE THAT TRULY NEED THE CLOSER PARKING. THANK YOU!! ~*The Church Council*

Share Your Musical Talents –To reserve the Sunday of your choice, visit with Pam Trauernicht: call 402-230-0123 or email pamtrauernicht@diodecom.net

Council would like to compile a list of phone numbers of people in our congregation that have some kind of medical training (Doctors, Nurses, EMT's) that we could contact incase of an emergency. Text Cindy Parde (402)-988-8032. Or contact any council member.

Country Club 4-H Members Join us Today at 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. We ask that adults attend with their Clover Kid. Please RSVP to Marcia Busboom (402-223-8309), Rhonda Dorn (402-520-1320) or Connie Thornburg (402-673-3605) by March 6 so we have enough craft supplies.

Spring Cleanup Day will be March 26 at 9am. We will clean indoors and outdoors with confirmation students help. All members welcome!

1st Communion Classes for 5th Grade Students will be March 16th - April 13th. Check the March Newsletter for more information.

LWR BLANKET SEWING All are welcome to come and help assemble blankets for Lutheran World Relief. NO experience needed! If you know how to use a stick pin and enjoy a day or part

of a day of fellowship you are welcome. March 14,15,28,29 from 9-3 come for a few hours or spend the day bring your own lunch if you plan to spend the day contact Denise Ideus (402)806-2236 or Karen Gilbreth (402)661-9362 with any questions!

It is with much gratitude that we Thank You for the many expressions of sympathy, whether it was the cards, messages, thoughts, and prayers, phone calls, food, floral arrangements or memorial donations. Your support of our family through out Mom's illness and after passing humbles us. We are so Blessed. Mom's pain is gone. She waited her whole life to hear him say "Well done my good and faithful one- Welcome to the place where you belong." She has run the race, and now she is home. Thank You, The Family of Shirley Gronewold; Lawrence, Patty, Larry, Jeremy, Brittany, and Macy.

God Saw You Getting Tired

God saw you getting tired
And a cure was not to be
So he put His arms around you
And whispered "Come to me."
With tearful eyes we watched you
As you slowly slipped away
And though we loved you dearly
We couldn't make you stay.
Your golden heart stopped beating
Your tired hands put to rest
God broke our hearts to prove to us
He only takes the best.

Helping out next Sunday

Acolytes – Dalton Sullivan, Gage Smith

Reader – Sandy Meints

Breakfast Club Food – Kara Holland

Special Music – Quartet

March Altar Guild- Rhonda Fossler, Linda Ideus, DeAnn Oltman, Karen Gilbreath, Annette Wiese

March Table Troop volunteers- Steve & Peggy Johnson, Dave & Carrye Meints, Kenny & Janet Schuster, Larry Gronewold, Eddie & Lynette Dorn

Mar. 14 Snow Brigade # – Neal Meints * Council, Andy Schoen* Captain, Les Lieneman- Tractor, Perry Jurgens, Kenny Jurgens, Matt Meints, Josh Nelson, Jeff Wiese, Jason Lovitt, Chris Fossler

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Gold Crest –Mildred Meints, Marie Schoen

Homestead House – Thees Busboom, Elsie Zimmerman

Whispering Winds Cottage – LaVern Parde

Our Homes Assisted Living – Randy Oltman