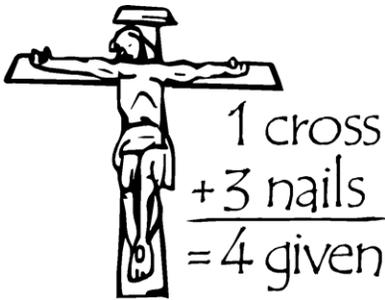


Zion Lutheran Church Mission Statement

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



Fifth Sunday in Lent - April 3, 2022

Sacrament of Holy Communion

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- Our God makes all things new. In the first reading God promises it.

C- Those who sow with tears will reap with songs of joy. Ps. 126:5

P- In the second reading, Paul recalls his transformation from the persecutor Saul into the Apostle Paul.

C- Those who sow with tears will reap with songs of joy. Ps. 126:5

P- In the gospel Mary anticipates God’s promise anointing Jesus’ feet with costly perfume for the day of his burial.

C- Those who sow with tears will reap with songs of joy. Ps. 126:5

P- in baptism, God's new person (you) rises daily from the deadly mire of trespasses and sin.

C- Those who sow with tears will reap with songs of joy. Ps. 126:5

+ 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 – Christ, the Life of All the Living ELW 339

Christ, the life of all the living,
Christ, the death of death, our foe,
Christ, yourself for me once giving
to the darkest depths of woe:
through your suff'ring, death, and merit
life eternal I inherit.

Thousand, thousand thanks are due,
dearest Jesus, unto you.

2 You have suffered great affliction
and have borne it patiently,
even death by crucifixion,
fully to atone for me;
for you chose to be tormented
that my doom should be prevented.
Thousand, thousand thanks are due,
dearest Jesus, unto you.

3 Then, for all that bought our pardon,
for the sorrows deep and sore,
for the anguish in the garden,
I will thank you evermore;
thank you for the groaning, sighing,
for the bleeding and the dying,
for that last triumphant cry,
praise you evermore on high.

+ The Word of God +

Isaiah 43:16-21

Lector – The prophet declares that long ago God performed mighty deeds and delivered Israel from Egyptian bondage through the waters of the sea. Now, God is about to do a new thing, bringing the exiles out of Babylon and through the wilderness in a new Exodus.

Thus says the LORD,
 who makes a way in the sea,
 a path in the mighty waters,
who brings out chariot and horse,
 army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
 they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
Do not remember the former things,
 or consider the things of old.
I am about to do a new thing;
 now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
 and rivers in the desert.
The wild animals will honour me,
 the jackals and the ostriches;

for I give water in the wilderness,
rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise. Here ends this reading.

Psalm 126, A Harvest of Joy – *Read responsively.*

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.
Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy;
then it was said among the nations,
“The LORD has done great things for them.”
The LORD has done great things for us,
and we rejoiced.

Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
like the watercourses in the Negeb.
May those who sow in tears
reap with shouts of joy.
Those who go out weeping,
bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy,
carrying their sheaves.

Philippians 3:4b-14

Lector – Writing to Christians in Philippi, Paul admits that his heritage and reputation could give him more reason than most people to place confidence in his spiritual pedigree. But the overwhelming grace of God in Jesus calls Paul to a new set of values. Paul writes:

Even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Pressing towards the Goal

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. Here ends this reading.

+ Prayer of the Day +

P- Creator God,

C- you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, Jesus

Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen

John 12:1-8

P- Judas willfully misinterprets as waste Mary's extravagant act of anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume. Jesus recognizes that her lavish gift is both an expression of love and in anticipation of his burial.

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "**Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.**" The Gospel of the Lord.

C- Praise to you, O Lord!

Special Music – Men's Choir, "The Old Rugged Cross"

Reflection by Arden W. Mead

You have been confronted with a **nail** for [five weeks] now. What thoughts crossed your mind when you meditated on it? Were most of them the kinds of thoughts that **accuse** and **condemn**? This **nail** is one of those that spiked Christ to the cross. It was because of me that he suffered so. I deserve to be crucified, not Jesus.

All of this is true, of course; and during the Lenten season **your nail** will serve frequently to accuse and condemn.

But if the **nail** spells “bad news” when you confront it, it is also meant to spread the Good News. With such a **nail** Jesus Christ did die for you...**to wipe out the damning evidence against you.**

The same **nail** which signifies your sin and the punishment you deserve also bears witness to God’s love and forgiveness in Jesus Christ!

Message – Sense of Smell

+ We Sing +

Offering Hymn – All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly ELW 461

1 All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread. Come from wilderness and wandering. Here, in truth, we will be fed. You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food. Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good. 2 All who hunger, never strangers; seeker, be a welcome guest. Come from restlessness and roaming. Here, in joy, we keep the feast. We that once were lost and scattered in communion’s love have stood. Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good. 3 All who hunger, sing together; Jesus Christ is living bread. Come from loneliness and longing. Here, in peace, we have been led. Blest are those who from this table live their lives in gratitude. Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

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

+ Nicene Creed +

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

We believe in one God,

**the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

**the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;**

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*

**who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

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

+ Song of Consecration +

Please join in singing the final verse in bold print.

The night of his betrayal, our Lord took bread.
He broke it as he blest it, and then he said,
“My body broken for you...is what this means;
remember now my children what you have seen!”

And then he took the chalice and raised it high,
“My blood is given for you, a full supply...
a covenant, a promise...a cleansing stream;
remember now my children what you have seen!”

**We share this food together, remem’bring Christ:
we share a common treasure and know the price;
we share it without measure...a gift of love;
we share our life forever, with God above!**

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+ 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.**

Invitation to Communion

P- Christ has set this table with more than enough for all. Come!

Distribution of Holy Communion *(For those viewing the live stream at home, please use a morsel of bread, a cracker or cookie for your bread, and juice, coffee, tea, water, or wine for the wine.)*

This morning, we are communing at the rail. It has been over two years since we last did communion in this fashion. Those coming down the north aisle will fill the rail from right to left, and return to their pew by going up the south aisle.

Those coming down the south aisle (main floor and balcony) will fill the rail from left to right, and return to their pew by going up the north aisle.

After we finish at the rail, pastor and church council member will serve those unable to come forward where they are seated.

For those who prefer the individual communion package, we have it available in the entryways.

Men's Choir, "Majestic Sweetness Sets Enthroned

**Hymn During Communion – Beneath the Cross of Jesus ELW
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Prayer after Holy Communion

P- Blessed Jesus,

**C- in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body,
the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving
hope to a world in need. 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! Zion...a place to believe, a place to belong, a place to become!

+ We Sing +

Sending Hymn – Jesus, the Very Thought of You ELW754

1 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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Special Music.....	Men's Choir

Vital Statistics

Church 163 2909.25

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This Week

Sunday School, 8:45 am

Breakfast Club, 9 am

God's Grace DVD series, 9 am 2

Worship/Holy Comm10 am

Tuesday

8th grade meets with council

Council Meeting 7pm

Committees 7:30 pm

Wednesday

Fifth 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*

CELEBRATE THE RISEN CHRIST in fellowship with breakfast immediately following the 7:00 am Sunrise service. We are asking for breakfast casseroles, sweet rolls, fruit, juice and milk donations from congregation members. Also needed are volunteers for kitchen help before, during and clean up following. You can find the food donation and volunteer sign up clipboards in the unity room. A freewill offering will be received at the door to benefit the family of Terry Ideus. Along with our monetary support, we also ask that you lift up prayers of comfort and peace for Janelle, Will, Matt and Anastasia at this time of sorrow. May the promise of the resurrection be a blessing of joy to them and all believers this Easter!

Welcoming ALL 4,5- and 6-year-olds to be a part of Zion's newly formed Coed T-ball team. Sunday, 5 pm. game dates include May 22, June 5, 12, 19 & 26. Contact Connie Thornburg if interested.

Memorial service for Rev. Elwin Bergstaesser will be 2 pm Saturday, April 23, 2022 at Bethany Lutheran Church in Linnsborg KS. Pastor Elwin served Zion from 1964-1968. Rev. Evelyn Philips (Elwin's 2nd wife) said that the obituary can be read on the Crick-Christians Funeral Home's site

www.Christians@ChristiansFuneralHome.com The family asked that memorials go to Oaks Indian Center and can be sent to Crick-

Christians Funeral Home, 103 N. Washington Street, Linnsborg KS 67456

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 in case of an emergency. Text Cindy Parde (402)-988-8032. Or contact any council member.

Thank you to all who helped with Church Spring Cleanup: Savannah Mahler, Kent Mahler, Nicole Davison, Sandi Davison, Nevaeh Niles, Natalie Niles, Hudson Fikar, Cale Behrens, Kameron R. Max Behrens, Kyson Kolm, Karlie Riha, Lisa Riha, Cindy Parde, Brenda Gronewold, Barb Meints, Neal Meints, Connie Thornburg, Doug Parde, Alan Folkerts, Gary Wiese, Art Schuster, Paul Remmers

LWR Blanket (quilt) Assembly: The blankets made for Lutheran World Relief go all over the world, including recently 7400 to Ukraine. No sewing ability or experience is necessary. If you use a stick pin and tie knots you can help make a blanket and enjoy a day or part of a day of fellowship you are welcome. We will meet in the Parish Hall basement on April 11, 12, 25 & 26 from 9 to 3. Come for a few hours or the day (bring a lunch). You can also volunteer to make a top or tie a blanket outside of these days. You can also arrange a group to assemble blanket(s) at another time. If you have questions, please contact Karen Gilbreath (402) 661-9362 or Denise Schlake-Ideus (402) 806-2236.

Zion currently has a couple

Thrivent action grants we are applying for!

Who are they for? Beatrice Community Food Pantry and a family in need in

Gage County due to overwhelming medical bills.

How can you help? Paper & food items;

Goodnite Pull-ups in size Large or XL or Gas Gift Cards for medical travel

Why?

Reflect on Galatians 6:2

"Carry each other's burdens and so you will fulfill the law of Christ."

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

Helping out Sunday, April 10

Acolytes – Garret Ideus, Nicole Davison

Reader – Dorothy Trauernicht

Breakfast Club Food – Kelly Lenners

Special Music – Kids of the Kingdom

April Altar Guild: Denise Ideus, Cheryl Folkerts, Danelle Evers, Judy Carstens, Carrye Meints

April Table Troop Volunteers: Duane Zulauf, Mark Buhr, Alex Buhr, Jeff Bussboom, Doug Parde, Steve Gronewold, Stan Lenners, Mary Lenners, Al Wiese

April 4th Snow Brigade – Paul Remmers * Council, Craig Ideus **Captain. Dean Zimmerman-Tractor, Russ Wallman – Tractor, Terry Gronewold, Dave Holland, Greg Dorn, Alex Buhr, Mike Busboom, Dan Jurgens

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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

Confirmation class of '72 will be having a 50 reunion on Sunday, May 1st.

The parish hall has been reserved April 2nd and May 21st

To reserve the Parish hall call Britan Meints

Announcements for May Newsletter need to be in by April 18th

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