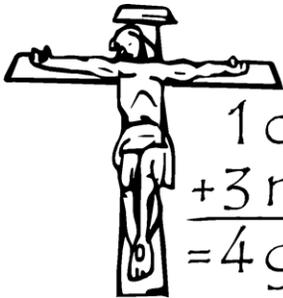


Zion Lutheran Church Mission Statement

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



1 cross
+ 3 nails
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First Sunday in Lent - March 6, 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- These forty of Lent are like no other. It is our opportune time to return to the God who rescues, to receive the gifts of God’s grace, to believe with the heart and confess with the mouth the wonder of God’s love in Jesus, and to resist temptation at every turn.

C- One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. –Matthew 4:4

P- This is no small pilgrimage on which we have just embarked. It is a struggle Jesus knew. It is a struggle Jesus shares. The nearness of the Lord, in bread and wine, water and word, will uphold and sustain us.

C- One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. –Matthew 4:4

+ 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- The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve – ELW 551

+ The Word of God +

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Lector – The annual harvest festival, called the Feast of Weeks, provides the setting for this reading. This festival celebrates the first fruits of the produce of the land offered back to God in thanks. In this text, worshipers announce God’s gracious acts on behalf of Israel.

When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, “Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.” When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, you shall make this response before the LORD your God: “A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.” You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty

that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house. Here ends this reading.

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 – Read responsively.

You who live in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,
will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my fortress;
my God, in whom I trust.”

Because you have made the LORD your refuge,
the Most High your dwelling-place,
no evil shall befall you,
no scourge come near your tent.

For he will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways.

On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.

You will tread on the lion and the adder,
**the young lion and the serpent you will trample under
foot.** Those who love me, I will deliver;
I will protect those who know my name.

When they call to me, I will answer them;
**I will be with them in trouble,
I will rescue them and honor them.**

With long life I will satisfy them,
and show them my salvation.

Romans 10:8b-13

Lector – Paul reminds the Christians in Rome of the foundation of their creed, the confession of faith in the risen Christ as Lord. Paul writes:

But what does it say?

“The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess

with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." Here ends this reading.

+ Prayer of the Day +

P- O Lord God,

C- you lead your people through the wilderness and brought them to the Promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit , one God, now and forever, Amen

Luke 4:1-13

P- After being filled with the Holy Spirit at his baptism, Jesus is led into the wilderness. Through his responses to the temptations of the devil he defines what it means to be called "the Son of God."

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "**It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'**"

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will

all be yours.” Jesus answered him, **“It is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’ ”**

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you’,

and

‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not **dash your foot against a stone.**’ ”

Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’ ” When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time. The Gospel of the Lord.

C- Praise to you, O Lord!

Reflection by Arden W. Mead

It has become almost proverbial to speak of someone who “snatched victory from the jaws of defeat”—a person who seemed certain to be a loser but than “won anyway.”

Likewise, it has become sarcastic to turn the phrase around and speak of someone who managed “to snatch defeat from the jaws of victory”—one who looked like a sure winner before bungling it at the last minute.

The latter seems to be the opinion of many people held (and some still hold) about the crucified Christ: things were going so well for him; it’s a shame he had to ruin it all by dying on the cross like that!

If the crucifixion of Jesus Christ is “his final glorious *triumphant* act” what is so “triumphant” about it? Did he unfortunately “snatch defeat from the jaws of victory”?...or did he—precisely “by *dying* like that”—actually :snatch victory from the jaws of defeat”?

Who won when Jesus died? And who lost?

+ We Sing +

Offering Hymn – Come, Let Us Eat ELW 491

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.) We will be doing communion by flow through for those able to come forward to partake. Please follow the usher's directions and maintain social distancing. A team will bring communion to those unable to come forward. For those who prefer the individual communion package, we have it available in the entryways.*

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!

+ We Sing +

Hymn – Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross 335 ELW

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Vital Statistics

Church 132 2647.00
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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 7pm

Wednesday

First Wednesday in Lent 7 pm

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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

Thank you to the Men's choir for the prayer necklace and angel figurine. They are very special and I will enjoy them. It was good to have a pizza party since it had been impossible for over two years.

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.**

Country Club 4-H Members would like to extend an invitation to any Clover Kids (ages 5-7) or anyone interested in joining 4-H (ages 8-18) to attend our next 4-H meeting where we will be making a stamped book project. Join us March 13 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.

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!

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

The postponed WELCA January General meeting will be held Today right after the church service in the Fellowship Hall.

HELP NEEDED!

FOR WHO: St. Monica's Mother/Child Project

A Substance Abuse Program in Lincoln

WHAT: Women's new/gently used clothing -all sizes

Children's hangers

Cash Donations for clothing racks & shelving

QUESTIONS: Direct to bretrauernicht@gmail.com

Helping out next Sunday

Acolytes – Dawson Smith, Kameron Riha

Reader – Carrye Meints

Breakfast Club Food – Kenny Reed

Special Music – Kids of the Kingdom

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. 7 Snow Brigade # – Gary Wiese *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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Homestead House – Thees Busboom, Elsie Zimmerman

Whispering Winds Cottage – LaVern Parde

Our Homes Assisted Living – Randy Oltman

