



SECOND SUNDAY
in
LENT

March 16, A.D. 2025
8:00 Divine Service I
10:30 Morning Prayer

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
Dallas, Texas 75214

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The Vision of Zion Lutheran Church and School is a Christ-centered, growing, spiritual home for
✦ Worshipping God ✦ Proclaiming the Gospel ✦ Nurturing faith ✦ Educating
✦ Loving and Caring for people

WELCOME VISITORS! — We are so glad you came to Zion today.

Do come and worship the Lord again with us. We would love for you to scan the code and fill out a Connect Card! If you live in this area and do not have a regular church home, I would be most pleased to talk with you about membership at Zion Lutheran Church. —Rev. James Ebersole, Pastor



ZION'S NURSERY — We welcome all children and infants to our worship services and encourage their attendance. If the need arises to take your child out of the service, please feel free to use the staffed nursery located through Trinity Hall.

HOLY COMMUNION — As Christians we believe in the real presence of the body and blood of Christ, together with the Bread and Wine, in the Sacrament, given to us for the forgiveness of sins, the strengthening of our faith, and as an expression of the unity of our faith. Those who profess this faith, are baptized, penitent, and acknowledge Christ as their Savior are welcome to participate in the Sacrament.

THE EVERGREEN THREAD — A meditation on today's lectionary and appointed psalm (4) from an evangelistic perspective. — *The Mission, should we choose to accept it...*

Throughout Scripture, God has never been anything but perfectly clear as to why we are here and what we are to do (see Gen1:28-Rev22:17), summed up at Ec12:13 and Mt28:19-20: live a humble and obedient life of profound reverence for God, and lead everyone else to do the same. In today's lectionary we hear our directive through His prophet Jeremiah, His servant David, His missionary Paul and from Jesus Christ Himself. We should consider these passages as they speak to our personal plan to continue Christ's mission. Jeremiah preached Law and Gospel in a single sentence (v13). As do David and Paul when they speak of worldly trials and what the future holds for those who are in a right relationship with God and for those who aren't. And finally (and with finality!), Jesus, who had sent His prophets for thousands of years prior, came to us personally. THIS IS THE MESSAGE TO PROCLAIM! He stated His mission; what He was to do "today and tomorrow, and the third day" (That blessed third day!) During Lent, as we contemplate Christ's mission, the cross, and His resurrection, let us also contemplate our place in the Kingdom. The mission continues.

PRELUDE

8:00 DIVINE SERVICE I
LSB 151

Stand

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Rise, Shine, You People

LSB 825

SERVICE OF THE WORD

LSB 152

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray. O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 26:8–15

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When the officials of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king’s house to the house of the Lord and took their seat in the entry of the New Gate of the house of the Lord. Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and to all the

people, “This man deserves the sentence of death, because he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your own ears.”

Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people, saying, “The Lord sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the words you have heard. Now therefore mend your ways and your deeds, and obey the voice of the Lord your God, and the Lord will relent of the disaster that he has pronounced against you. But as for me, behold, I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you. Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the Lord sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

Philippians 3:17—4:1

Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.** *Stand*

LENTEN VERSE

C Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *The Son of Man Must be Lifted Up* Aaron David Miller

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 13:31–35

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth chapter.



G Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

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P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G Praise to You, O Christ. *Sit*

HYMN OF THE DAY *Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart* LSB 708

HOMILY

“A Feisty Conversation”

Luke 13:31-35

(Note: Jesus encounters a surprising group of Pharisees who actually warn Him that King Herod is out to get Him.)

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LSB 158

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING/VOLUNTARY *Sit* *Jesu, Our Hope, Our Heart’s Desire*

K. Lee Scott

Jesu, our hope, our heart’s desire, thy work of grace we sing;
Redeemer of the world art thou, its Maker and its King.

Great is the mercy and the love which laid our sins on thee,
And led thee to a cruel death, to set thy children free!

O may thy wondrous love prevail our sinful souls to spare;
O may we stand around thy throne and see thy glory there.

Jesu, our only joy be thou, as thou our prize wilt be;
O Lord, be all our glory now and through eternity!

OFFERTORY *Stand*

LSB 159

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT
LSB 160

DISTRIBUTION *Sit*

HYMNS

The Infant Priest was Holy Born
Wide Open Stand the Gates

LSB 624

LSB 639

Stand

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 165

POSTLUDE

SERVING TODAY IN WORSHIP

Celebrant/ Homilist

Assisting/ Lector

Organist

Choir

Sacristan

Ushers

Audio and Facilities Arrangements

Rev. Fred Gersch

Rev. James Haner

Dr. Scott Hyslop

Zion Adult Choir

Valerie R. Green

Richard Magers; Board of Elders

Larry Wagner



Faith Development Classes
9:20 – 10:15 a.m.



Class (Age)	Description	Teacher(s) and location
Enduring Faith (PK – 4 th grade)	Children launch with prayer and praise before learning the Bible story and living it out through activities that help them hide God’s word in their heart when they leave.	Various, Launch in the Music Room, Learn in Kinder/1 st classrooms, Live/Leave in the 2 nd grade classroom
God’s Story is My Story (5 th - 6 th grade)	Students learn how God’s story and plan of salvation applies to their lives as they begin to understand how they fit into God’s big story.	Jennifer Knepper, 3 rd Grade Room
Confirmation (7 th grade)	Students study God’s Word and Luther’s Small Catechism as they prepare to confirm and proclaim their faith in the Triune God	Jack Harris, Amy Heuer, Amy Kuhlmann, 5 th Grade Room
The Chosen (8 th – 12 th grade)	Students will watch and discuss Season 4 of <i>The Chosen</i> , compare it to Scripture, and apply it to their lives.	Jack Harris, Amy Heuer, Amy Kuhlmann, Youth Room (lower level)
The Gospel of John	Dive into this Gospel written by one of Jesus’ closest disciples to lead people to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.	Bryan Wendt, Michael Rossi, & Paul Vandermeer, 6 th Grade Room
Lent Study - The Hand of the Lord	Get a sneak peak into our weekly Lenten themes! The Lord’s hand is all over the Scriptures. We will take the time to meditate upon the way that the hand of the Lord continues to be at work for us as He gives us His good gifts.	Pr. Greg Brandvold, 8 th Grade Room
Adult Inquirers Class	Learn about the Christian faith from the Lutheran perspective.	Pastor Ebersole, Church Conference Room

10:30 AM
✠ Matins ✠
LSB 219

Please stand and face the Processional Cross, turning as it passes by.

VENITE

LSB 220

OFFICE HYMN *Sit*

Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart

LSB 708

READINGS

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HOLY GOSPEL (*Stay seated for the Gospel.*)

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RESPONSORY



- L** 1 We have an advocate with the Fa-ther; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.
 2 Blessed is he whose
 transgression is for - giv - en and whose sin is put a - way.
 3 We have an advocate with the Fa-ther; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.

Refrain

C He was delivered up to death; He was delivered
for the sins of the people.

CHILDREN’S HOMILY

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(Note: Jesus encounters a surprising group of Pharisees who actually warn Him that King Herod is out to get Him.)

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CANTICLE *Stand*

Te Deum

LSB 223

OFFERING/VOLUNTARY *Sit*

PRAYER
LSB 227

KYRIE/LORD’S PRAYER *Stand*

LSB 227

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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C **Amen.**

ADDITIONAL COLLECTS OF INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING

COLLECT FOR GRACE

P O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL

Jerusalem, O City Fair and High

LSB 674

POSTLUDE

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Lector

Clara Toman

Organist

Dr. Scott Hyslop

Ushers

Board of Elders

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Larry Wagner

SERVING DAILY

Pastor

Rev. James Ebersole

Minister to Older Adults

Rev. Richard Kurth

Assisting Pastor

Rev. Fred Gersch

Ethnic Ministry Facilitator

Rev. Benyam Weldtensai

Minister of Music

Dr. Scott Hyslop

Minister of Education/Principal

Dr. Jeff Thorman

Minister of Youth/Parish Education

Amy Heuer, DCE

Comunidad Cristiana Esmirna

Rev. Oscar Perez

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