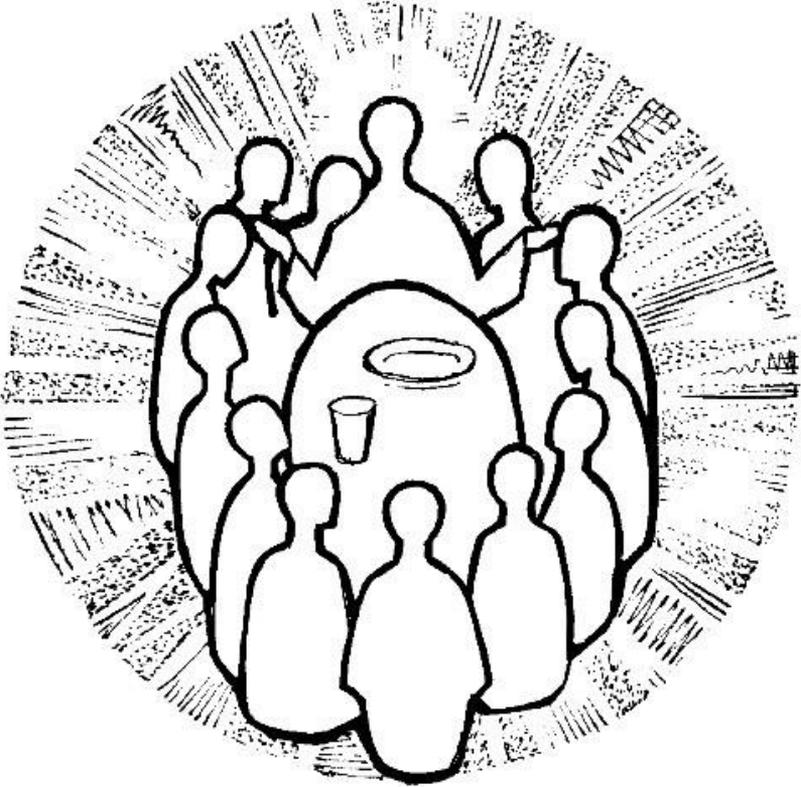


## Fifth Sunday in Lent



*The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.*



**ZION**  
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**EDUCATION FOR LIFE!**  
*Good Morning and Welcome!*

**Prayer before worship:** *Father, thank you for always listening; bless my listening this day, especially as I hear your Word, that my faith may be strengthened, by the one who listens for me, in Jesus' name. Amen.*

**This Week's Prayer List** – remember these in prayer: We pray for a portion of Zion's family and friends...Feije and Lael de Boer; Wade, Christina, Lukas, Madelyn, and Aiden Degler; Chris, Rachel, Lydia, and Tobias Dehning. We pray for those under the care of a physician, undergoing treatment and therapy; for all difficulties meeting obligations, and a strong faith for every need.

**Questioning of the Confirmands** will be on Friday evening (7:30 PM) before the congregation. They will be confirmed during the service on Palm Sunday. Please remember Konrad Breeggemann, Evan Dietzel, Sophia Morschen, Brooke Sauter, Matthew Traver, and Cadee Vinkemeier in your prayers.

**Lenten Love:** God overcomes all evil with goodness and love. This Wednesday (3:30 PM and 7 PM) we will hear how the evil plans of Haman were undone by the determination of Queen Esther, as she endangers her life in order to save the lives of many others. Remember Jesus' words, "Into your hands, I commit my spirit!"

**Lenten Love - Cash for Rice!** Chance Outreach wants to send 420 bags of rice to Liberia; each hundred pound bag is \$30. Many have contributed to our Lenten Love challenge. Checks should be made out to "Chance Outreach," memoed Lenten Love. Thank you for your help and support.

**No Sunday School** this week or next week.

## Opening Hymn #423

## “Jesus, Refuge of the Weary”

**P** In the name of the Father † Son † Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Hear my voice when I call, Lord; be merciful to me and answer me.

**C** My heart says of you, “Seek his face!” Your face, Lord, I will seek.

**P** Do not hide your face from me, do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my helper.

**C** Do not reject me or forsake me, God my Savior.

**P** Hear our prayer, O Lord, and deal with us according to Your great mercy.

**C** In our lives we sin against you and against one another, not deserving your goodness. Yet you treat us as kings and priests, for by the merits of your Son, Jesus Christ, who offered Himself up on Calvary’s cross, atoning for our sin. Forgive me my sins and cleanse us, O Lord.

**P** Out of His mercy, God hears our prayer, for it is His good pleasure to give us His kingdom. It is my privilege and delight, as your pastor, to announce God’s grace to you, and to forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father † Son † Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Hymn of Response # 420

## “Christ, the Life”

*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 suffering, death, and merit Life eternal I inherit.  
Thousand, thousand thanks are due, Dearest Jesus, unto you.*

*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.*

**P** Let us pray. Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## The Apostles Creed

### Old Testament Reading

**P** This is the word of the Lord.

**Jeremiah 31:31–34**

**C** Thanks be to God!

### Epistle Reading

**P** This is the word of the Lord.

**Hebrews 5:1–10**

**C** Thanks be to God!

**P** The Gospel of our Lord, from Mark, chapter ten.

**C** Praise to you, O Lord!

**Choir**

**“Sing Hosanna!”**

### Gospel Reading

**P** This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**Mark 10:35–45**

**C** Praise to you, O Christ!

## Children's Message

### The Sermon Hymn #430 (vv 1-5) "My Song is Love Unknown"

**Sermon**

**Facing Troubles - Acceptance**

**Mark 10:45**

*The end a thing is better than the beginning...*

1. It is NOT a betrayal of Hope but the victory of F\_\_\_\_\_.
2. It is the arrival of "Quiet E\_\_\_\_\_."
3. It is to see God through Jesus, the S\_\_\_\_\_.

**Sermon Hymn #430 (v 7)**

**"My Song is Love Unknown"**

**Offering**

**Choir**

**"I Am The Promise"**

## **Prayers and Lords' Prayer**

**C** Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Closing Hymn #433**

**"Glory Be to Jesus!"**

## ***Zion Lutheran Church & School***

**Early Enrollment Open:** Enrollment is open for the 2018-19 school year. Please get your students enrolled by March 31<sup>st</sup> to get the reduced registration fee of \$125 (for families with students in PK-8) or \$50 (for families with students only in PK).

**Call Committee Notes:** Zion has begun the process of contacting candidates for the position of 7/8 grade/principal. We will continue to keep you posted with any updates as they happen.

**Food Shelf Month!** We are collecting things for the Southwest Carver County Food Shelf this month. If you are willing to donate, paper products and personal hygiene items are needed, but anything will help. Thanks!

**Feed My Starving Children** has been rescheduled for March 19<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:30 AM and going until 11:30 AM. If you are interested in helping out with this event, please contact Mr. Dehning.

**Gerten's Flowers** are ready to be ordered through ZEL for Zion Lutheran School's Spring Fundraiser. Stop by the Flower Table after church to order your selection of beautiful flowers and plants! Pick up is tentatively scheduled for the 5<sup>th</sup> of May. Please plan on picking up your orders that evening (5 – 7 PM) or after church on Sunday. Thank you!

**Thrivent Choice Dollars** donated to Zion during the month of February amounted to \$139.00. So far in March, donations have amounted to \$400.00. You have until March 31 to designate your Thrivent Choice Funds. Zion Lutheran School and Church appreciate being remembered in your Choice donations. If you are unable to donate them online, please contact your Thrivent agent and direct your donations before March 31.

**Auction Update:** Zion raised over \$17,500 (and counting) from the Pancake Breakfast and Auction. Thank you to everyone who donated items, bought items, and helped with all of the areas associated with this big event. There are still a few silent auction items that have not been bid on. Check out the table in front of the trophy case to see what is still available. At these point, we will take whatever you are willing to donate. Minimum bid requirements to not apply.

**Tour of Tables Salad Luncheon**, hosted by Zion's Ladies Aid/LWML, on April 7, 2018. Entertainment will be Alan and Matt Carlson. Any ladies from Zion are invited to decorate a table for this event. If interested, call Juliene Klaustermeier 954-442-0422 or Carol Henschen 952-466-5905. Reservations for the luncheon can be made with Ruth Harms at 952-467-3084. Adults & teens \$10, 12 and under \$5. Open to all the ladies of the congregation!

### **Say What?**

Etta was telling about her two-year-old grandson who believes he is 27. His mother repeatedly says, "No, you are not 27, you are two years old. Don't go around telling people you are 27 when you are not. They will not believe you." One day a man stooped down and asked him how old he was.

He said, "I can't tell you. You would not believe me." Then he motioned for his older brother to come over and said, "Nasri, tell him." Nasri said, "He is 27 years old." Shocked, the man said, "27?" And the grandson says, "I told you you would not believe me."

## Finances

### Salary:

Beginning Balance (1/1/2018)	-\$66,153.75
YTD Income	*\$122,500.19
YTD Expenses	\$94,603.20
Current Balance (3/13)	-\$38,256.76

### Missions:

YTD Total (2/15)	\$162.00
Budgeted	\$7,597.00
Unbudgeted	\$1,289.41
2017 Pledged	\$7,500.00
2017 Goal	\$15,000.00

### LHS:

Year to date total (2/15)	\$20,262.66
2017 Commitment	\$22,825.00

***We still need \$2,562.34 to meet 2017 commitment***

Per communicant member	\$55.00
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### Building/Repair Fund:

Account Balance (3/19)	\$52,193.61
Suggested household contrib.	\$550.00

\*Includes a final increment of the Joyce Harms Trust (\$64,288), released to the salary fund at the January Voter's Meeting.

## Agnus Day

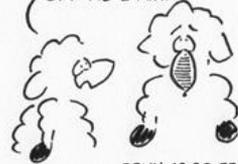
I WISH I COULD BE AS CLEAR ABOUT MY PURPOSE IN LIFE AS JESUS IS ABOUT HIS.



JESUS IS THE LIGHT SHINING IN THE DARKNESS AND HE CALLS YOU TO FOLLOW HIM THROUGH THE CROSS TO REAL LIFE.



I WISH JESUS COULD BE AS CLEAR ABOUT MY INABILITY TO PULL THAT OFF AS I AM.



JOHN 12:20-33 © WEITSTEIN 18.03.14

**This Week – March 18<sup>th</sup> – March 24<sup>th</sup>**

<b>Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup></b>	Sunday Service   9:30 AM K-8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Choir Sings
<b>Monday, 19<sup>th</sup></b>	Feed My Starving Children   8:30 AM
<b>Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup></b>	Evangelism Meeting   7:30 PM
<b>Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup></b>	Ladies Bible Study   2 PM Lenten Service   3:30 PM Confirmation   5:30 PM Lenten Service   7 PM
<b>Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter Central Drive Day Chapel   8:10 AM

**Next Week – March 25<sup>th</sup> – March 31<sup>st</sup>**

<b>Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup></b>	Palm Sunday Service/Confirmation   9:30 AM
<b>Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup></b>	Evangelism Meeting   7:30 PM
<b>Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup></b>	Ladies Bible Study   2 PM Confirmation   5:30 PM
<b>Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup></b>	Maundy Thursday Service   7:30 PM
<b>Friday, 30<sup>th</sup></b>	Good Friday Service   7:30 PM

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**Attendance/Communion**

March 4 <sup>th</sup>	Attendance = 171
Lent – Afternoon/Evening	Attendance = 59/21
March 11 <sup>th</sup>	Attendance = 125 Communion = 99
Lent – Afternoon/Evening	Attendance = 55/21

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**Answers to Sermon Questions**

1. Faith 2. Expectations 3. Savior

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