

Zion Lutheran Church

Hidewood Township, SD – 9 a.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church

Watertown, SD – 11 a.m.

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Second Sunday in Lent – February 21, 2016

Organists: Melanie Dummann, Rebecca Larson, Naomi Fuerstenau
Sunday worship services – Zion: 9 a.m.; Trinity: 11 a.m.
Zion Sunday School: after church; Trinity Sunday School – 9:45 a.m.

Welcome!

“Behold! The Lamb of God

Who takes away the sin of the world!” John 1:29

ORDER for WORSHIP

To prepare for worship... read the words of Hymn 142

The bell calls us for worship

Opening Prayer

P: O most gracious Father, open our hearts to sincere worship and our lips to show forth Your praise. Guide us through Your Spirit to eliminate any sinful weakness which might interfere with our worship today, so that the

total meditation of Your people proclaims the excellencies of Jesus, who died that we might live, and ever more lives that we may never die. Amen.

At Trinity: Bell Choir selection

Hymn 537

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL SING: Amen.

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

ALL SING: Who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

ALL SING: And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

P: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and deeds. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

ALL: O most merciful God, You have given Your only-begotten Son to die for us! Have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake has forgiven us all our sins! To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the sons of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all!

ALL SING: Amen.

Responsive Reading – from the *Te Deum Laudamus*

P: Lord, when You took it upon Yourself to deliver mankind,

C: You humbled Yourself to be born of a virgin.

P: When You had overcome the shadow of death,

C: You opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

P: We therefore pray that You would help Your servants,

C: Whom You have redeemed with Your precious blood.

P: Make them to be numbered with Your saints

C: In glory everlasting!

Hymn 171: 3-4

P: The Lord be with you!

ALL SING: And with thy spirit!

P: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, You hate nothing that You have made and You forgive the sins of all those who are penitent; create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of You, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

ALL SING: Amen.

1st Scripture Reading – Old Testament – Jeremiah 26: 8-15

Jeremiah is persecuted by those who refuse to abide by God's will. He assures that God will forgive if they repent, and warns that if they continue in their rebellion, they will perish.

8 Now it happened, when Jeremiah had made an end of speaking all that the LORD had commanded *him* to speak to all the people, that the priests and the prophets and all the people seized him, saying, “You will surely die! 9 Why have you prophesied in the name of the LORD, saying, ‘This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without an inhabitant?’” And all the people were gathered against Jeremiah in the house of the LORD. 10 When the princes of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king’s house to the house of the LORD and sat down in the entry of the New Gate of the LORD’s *house*. 11 And the priests and the prophets spoke to the princes and all the people, saying, “This man deserves to die! For he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your ears.” 12 Then Jeremiah spoke to all the princes and all the people, saying: “The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and against this city with all the words that you have heard. 13 Now therefore, amend your ways and your doings, and obey the voice of the LORD your God; then the LORD will relent concerning the doom that He has pronounced against you. 14 As for me, here I am, in your hand; do with me as seems good and proper to you. 15 But know for certain that if you put me to death, you will surely bring innocent blood on yourselves, on this city, and on its inhabitants; for truly the LORD has sent me to you to speak all these words in your hearing.”

2nd Scripture Reading – New Testament Gospel – Luke 13: 31-35

Our Savior is sorrowful over Jerusalem that remained cold and indifferent to God's gracious work.

31 On that very day some Pharisees came, saying to Him, “Get out and depart from here, for Herod wants to kill You.” 32 And He said to them, “Go, tell that fox, ‘Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third *day* I shall be perfected.’ 33 Nevertheless I must journey today, tomorrow, and the *day* following; for it cannot be that a prophet should perish outside of Jerusalem. 34 “O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen

gathers her brood under her wings, but you were not willing! 35 See! Your house is left to you desolate; and assuredly, I say to you, you shall not see Me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!'"

CONFESSION OF FAITH – THE APOSTLES' CREED

ALL: I believe in God the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven And is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; The Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn 142: 1, 5, 6

Sermon Text – Philippians 3:17-4:1

17 Brethren, join in following my example, and note those who so walk, as you have us for a pattern. 18 For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, *that they are* the enemies of the cross of Christ: 19 whose end *is* destruction, whose god *is* their belly, and *whose glory is* in their shame—who set their mind on earthly things. 20 For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, 21 who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself. 4:1 Therefore, my beloved and longed-for brethren, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, beloved.

Sermon Theme: Where are YOUR feet?

1. Walking with your mind on earthly things?
2. Walking as Paul's co-imitator, standing fast in Christ?

ALL SING: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with Your free spirit. Amen.

Hymn 450

The Offering is collected/brought forward – sing Hymn 175:1, 4
***1. When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss And pour contempt on all my pride.
4. Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a tribute far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all.***

P: Prayer

ALL: 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.

P: Almighty God, grant that the Word which we have heard today may by Your grace be so engrafted in our hearts that we bring forth the fruit of the Spirit! We pray in Jesus' name.

ALL SING: Amen.

The Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you His peace.

ALL SING: Amen, Amen, Amen.

Closing Hymn 722

CALENDAR and ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY >> ZION – 9 a.m. service; then Sunday School

TRINITY – 9:45 a.m. Sun School; 11 a.m. service

ALSO at 9:45 – 0-3 Sunday School at Trinity! (See below for more!)

TUE >> SDSU Bible Study on Islam at 7 p.m. in the library (room 239)

WED >> Trinity choir rehearsal – 6 p.m.

>> 7 p.m. Midweek Lenten worship service – Pastor Krause

THU >> Golden Living Center – devotional service – 10:30 a.m.

FRI >> 9:45 a.m. devotional service at Jenkins Living Center

>> 7-8 p.m. basketball practice (for more see below)

SAT >> Trinity bell choir rehearsal, 12 noon

NEXT SUNDAY >> ZION – 9 a.m. worship; then SS

TRINITY – 9:45 a.m. SS; 11 a.m. worship

>> Trinity's School Board meets after church

UPCOMING EVENTS

>> MAR 17-19 CLC Grade School BB Tourney – ILC – Eau Claire, WI

>> MAR 19-20 ILC Tour Choir (Concert on March 19)

>> MAR 20-27 Holy Week (Palm Sunday through Easter Sunday)

IN OUR PRAYERS

>> *NOTE: If you have something or someone you would like to include in the prayers on a Sunday morning, talk to Pastor Krause!*

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES! Pastor Joel Fleischer will be “trading pulpits” with Pastor Krause for the next four Wednesday nights at 7:00

p.m. for our special commemoration of Jesus' Passion. The theme for the services is “Ironies of the Passion.” The services will focus on the unique and lasting significance of Jesus' ministry, death, and resurrection.

NEWBORN TO AGE THREE SUNDAY SCHOOL! On the first and third Sundays of the month Kindra Knox will be heading up a Sunday School session for mothers and their youngsters from newborn to three years old! This will be held during the Sunday School class for the older kids – starting at 9:45.

AUDRA WISTE BRIDAL SHOWER INVITE! You are invited to the bridal shower for Audra Wiste that Naomi, Lois, Jan, and Kindra are hosting on Saturday, March 5, at Trinity, 12 noon. Please RSVP to: Lois at 882-2775; e-mail: nfuerstenau@sfgmembers.com Audra is registered at Kohl's and Target. (You can see the invite itself on the Trinity bulletin board.)

WEDDING INVITE! You are also invited to attend the wedding service of Jessica Schaller and Sam Rodebaugh in Eau Claire, WI, on March 18 at 4 p.m. Particulars are on the invite on the bulletin board at Trinity.

ILC TOUR CHOIR HOUSING NEEDED! On the bulletin board at Trinity you will find a listing of the ILC Tour Choir members – they will be needing housing Saturday night, March 19. If you are able to help out by housing any of them, please get your name on the list by the students you'd like to house. Thanks so much!

CLC CALL NEWS

Undecided calls:

>> Teacher Nathan Wales, West Columbia, SC, to Spokane Valley, WA

>> Pastor Paul Naumann, Tacoma, WA, to ILC as professor

Returned call:

>> Pastor Neal Radichel, Fond du Lac, WI, to West Columbia, SC

ILC PROFESSOR CALL *CLC Board of Regents Pastor John Hein reports the following...* On February 15, the CLC's Call Committee for Educational Institutions met to call a Professor to serve at Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary, filling the vacancy which

will occur upon the retirement of Prof. John Pfeiffer at the end of this academic year. This committee serves in this capacity since the church body, who has the authority to extend such a call, has delegated this role for the sake of good order. After prayer to our Triune God for His will to be done and then giving serious consideration to the many nominations and comments, the committee extended the Professor call to Pastor Paul Naumann of Ascension Lutheran Church in Tacoma, WA. Since this is a call from the church body, the committee requests that our CLC congregations pray that the Holy Spirit would lead Pastor Naumann in his deliberations and that the Lord's will be done in this matter.

MIDWEST WOMEN'S RETREAT - Immanuel Mankato is again hosting it's annual Women's Retreat on April 8-10, 2016 in Winona, MN. The deadline to register and reserve a room is March 8, 2016. This year's theme is: "Hush, My dearest child, do not worry!" A poster is up on the bulletin board. You can also find out more information and register for the retreat online: www.ladiesretreat.clclutheran.net. If you have any questions please speak to your pastor.

ANOTHER CLC CRUISE / TRAVEL EVENT? *Glenn Oster sends out the following...* Hi Everyone, I'm checking to see how much interest there is in putting together a cruise / travel event for CLC members in 2017. To do so, I've created a short 30-second survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/W25CP3L>.

Note: Just like our 2 previous cruises - although this is being planned as a way for CLC members to spend a week together, it is not limited to only CLC members - anyone is welcome and encouraged to join the group.

A few suggestions for the 2017 trip have been: Another Caribbean Cruise; An all-inclusive Caribbean/Mexican resort; Trip to Germany (celebrating 500th anniversary of Luther nailing the 95 thesis to the Castle Church door); Trip to Israel; Panama Canal Cruise

Of these, the Caribbean Cruise is the least expensive, followed by the all-inclusive resort. I would prefer one of these two in order to keep these "get-togethers" affordable to the majority of people.

Paula Stelter (Poinsettia Travel) could, however, put together a group rate for any people who may be interested in going on any of these other trips. At your convenience, please fill out this survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/W25CP3L> - I'll let everyone know of the

results. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or to discuss this further. Thanks! Glenn goster@clclutheran.com 803-361-2739

THANK YOU!

>> Do you have something you are thankful for at Zion/Trinity? Let Pastor Krause know, and he will be happy to include it here in the bulletin!

TRINITY ATTENDANCES FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 14:

Sunday morning service: 42 Sunday School: 4 SDSU BC: -
Golden: 14 Jenkins: 20 Wed Eve Lent Service: 32 Lords' Supper: 29

LAST WEEK'S CONTRIBUTIONS AT TRINITY (02/14/16):

Envelopes \$3,026.00 Loose: \$112.00 teacherage utilities reimb: \$233.55
Total: \$3,371.55; Included in totals above: \$100.00 for the Building Fund

NEW ILC TOUR CHOIR CDs AVAILABLE! A newly produced recording of choral music, sung by Tour Choirs of Immanuel Lutheran College, is available. It is a 2-CD set, featuring pieces sung by various choirs from 1991 to 2015. The first CD primarily reflects the themes of Advent and Christmas, the second the themes of Lent and Easter. The cost per 2-CD set is \$16 (or two sets for \$30). 25 percent of the songs (10 of 40) have not appeared on previously produced CDs. 75 percent (the remaining 30 of the 40) have been distributed previously.

TRINITY FELLOWSHIP HALL BULLETIN BOARD On this bulletin board you will currently find a newspaper article from years ago about Rhoda Krause and Pastor (and family). If you have any articles of interest regarding our church family, we hope you will bring them to post! :-)

FROM THE FIELD *Feb. 13, '16 - Nigerian CLC - by Dave Koenig*

Statistics: 13 pastors, 3 in the Bible Institute, 16 congregations, 978 souls.

When I first visited Nigeria in Jan. 1984, I thought I had seen and learned so very much. When I later lived there as a resident alien for eleven years (86-90, 98-05), I found out so much more and had to cast aside some of my first impressions. Cultures differ and living in a different culture one needs to learn and adapt. For instance in Nigeria there is what is called the 'fattening room' which basically means that a woman who is pregnant is fed a lot of food because being heavier means to be healthy and she is

eating for two. The Ekpe (leopard) Society was no longer active like it was fifty years earlier. The Ekpo (ghost) Society was still active. It was a secret society that could carry out vengeance against its enemies. Women were not to view the Ekpo men when they came in their masks. For those who lingered they could be chased and even beaten. There are diseases there we just don't experience like Wicklow, the Guinea worm and the 100 day whooping cough to name several.

Consider some of the commandments and how they are broken differently and upheld variously in Nigeria than in the USA.

- Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord in vain. In the USA there is a lot of violation of this with cursing and swearing. In Nigeria there was still the old superstitions out in the villages. While tiny houses were for the most part not built for ancestors' spirits to inhabit and bless the relatives, there was still a reverencing of ancestors to the point of superstition.

- Honor your father and your mother that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth. In Nigeria there is far more of the extended family living together and supporting one another than in the USA where there is such emphasis on the nuclear family of dad, mom and the kids. In Nigeria it was well accepted that relatives would take in other kinfolk who had need. ...

- Thou shalt not commit adultery. While we have now so many who just live together without making promises for life, in Nigeria there was the problem of polygamy.

- Thou shalt not steal. In Nigeria I soon learned that the word 'borrow' meant get and keep and not repay.

Pray for our Nigerian brothers and sisters that they bear witness to the wonderful truths of God's Word. Pray that in northern Nigeria where the Muslims dominate so cruelly, that more missionaries will go there to show and tell the love of God. Pray for the remaining family members of Pastors Essien and Udo, who have gone to be with the Lord. Of the pastors I trained and worked with at least ten have gone on to be with the Lord, which is indicative of the harder life there. The old juju practices and ancestor worship have declined a lot, while now there is the problem of Islam. Pray for the present leaders of the NCLC, Pastors Ufot and Edwin, who are graduates of our Bible Institute that God gives them the grace and strength to lead His people.

FOR MORE – please go to: lutheranmissions.org and look for Dave Koenig under "Missionaries with journals"

Daily Bible readings for home devotions, Feb. 22-27, '16

Mon Jeremiah 26:8-15 Jeremiah's experience lies parallel to Jesus' final days on Earth: Both spoke as per God's directive (8); both faced the death penalty for blasphemy (8); both predicted the destruction of Jerusalem (9); both faced stacked evidence in court (11); both sorrowed over the people's lack of repentance (12-13); and both were innocent. God is justified if He chooses to avenge the murder of His spokesman. Stay tuned.

Tues Luke 13:31-35 The parallel program played on another channel in a different time-slot, and as the plot thickened, Jesus sketched the outline of His biography (32) with the final, climactic scene set in Jerusalem (33). How utterly sad that His hearers chose to discard His compassion (34), choosing rather to commit spiritual suicide (35). Lord, have mercy!

Wed Philippians 3:17-4:1 We too weep for those who are the *enemies of the cross of Christ* (18), for serving the false god of Self ends in spiritual death and hell (19-20). Under the rulership of Jesus in the Kingdom of God, we are headed in the opposite direction—heavenward (20), for Jesus changes death and grave into heaven's portal (21). So *stand fast in the Lord*, dear friends!

Thurs Psalms 42 and 43 reveal that one may sometimes bounce between being "down-in-the-dumps" (**O my God, my soul is cast down within me!**) and being elevated (**I will praise You, O God, my God!**). The tipping point between these extremes lies embedded in the refrain: "**Why** are you cast down, O my soul?" Just to be able to ask that question is evidence of spiritual aliveness, and the perceptive response pops up right quickly: "There's no good reason for feeling despondent, for God is on my side." Amen to that!

Fri Matthew 5:25-34 Jesus assures us there's no need to worry/fret about having enough groceries of adequate clothing. Why not? Because God is our patron/business manager, who has all such things under His control—as illustrated by His record with birds and prairie grass. God simply can't be upstaged or out-manuevered—especially regarding our salvation (33).

Sat 1 Peter 1:13-16 An athlete or warrior girded up his loins by tightening up his breech-cloth; it helped him get ready for strenuous activity. Let's be that way with our minds, our attitudes, our plans, and our endeavors (13). Letting ourselves get spiritually out-of-shape is dangerous. We counteract this human tendency by being *obedient children of God, not conforming our-selves to the former lusts/appetites*. Our godly conduct reflects God's influence; our lifestyle reveals God's grace, whereby He has made us His own dear children, and we do not want God to get a bad name by the way we act in the midst of a wicked and perverse world. Lord Jesus, help us!