

# Zion Lutheran Church

Hidewood Township, SD – 9 a.m.

# Trinity Lutheran Church

Watertown, SD – 11 a.m.

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Third Sunday in Lent – February 28, 2016

Organists: Melanie Dumann, Rebecca Larson, Naomi Fuerstenau

Zion: 9 a.m.; Sunday School afterwards

Trinity: 9:45 a.m. Sunday School; worship service at 11 a.m.

## Welcome!

*“Behold! The Lamb of God  
who takes away the sin of the world!” John 1:29*

To prepare you for worship... read / ponder on Hymn 378

## ORDER for WORSHIP

*The bell calls us for worship*

### Opening Prayer

*P: O merciful Lord, You desire worshipers who will honor You in spirit and in truth. Send Your Spirit to cleanse us from dead works to serve You in righteousness and holiness and to honor Your great and saving name for*

*giving us Jesus, who is the expression of Your special, eternal love unto salvation to everyone who believes. Amen.*

**[At Trinity bell choir plays first] Opening Hymn – 721**

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

**C [spoken]: Amen.**

### Confession and Absolution of Sins

*P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.*

**ALL: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

*P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.*

**C [spoken]: Amen.**

**Hymn 171: 5-6**

*P: Let us pray. O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength: Keep us both outwardly and inwardly, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.*

**C [spoken]: Amen.**

**First Reading – New Testament Epistle – 1 Corinthians 10: 1-13**

*Today's Epistle refers to Israel's folly in yielding to temptation instead of serving God.*

1 Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our

fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea, 2 all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, 3 all ate the same spiritual food, 4 and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ. 5 But with most of them God was not well pleased, for *their bodies* were scattered in the wilderness. 6 Now these things became our examples, to the intent that we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted. 7 And do not become idolaters as *were* some of them. As it is written, “*The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play.*” 8 Nor let us commit sexual immorality, as some of them did, and in one day twenty-three thousand fell; 9 nor let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed by serpents; 10 nor complain, as some of them also complained, and were destroyed by the destroyer. 11 Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come. 12 Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall. 13 No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God *is* faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.

### At Trinity – Children and Choir Selection – *Lamb of God*

#### Second Reading – New Testament Gospel – Luke 13: 1-9

*Today’s Gospel explains tragedy as a call to repentance and faith. Jesus tells the Parable of the Barren Fig Tree, teaching that God expects good fruit from His servants.*

1 There were present at that season some who told Him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. 2 And Jesus answered and said to them, “Do you suppose that these Galileans were worse sinners than all *other* Galileans, because they suffered such things? 3 I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish. 4 Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them, do you think that they were worse sinners than all *other* men who dwelt in Jerusalem? 5 I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish.” 6 He also spoke this parable: “A certain *man* had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. 7 Then he said to the keeper of his vineyard, ‘Look, for three years

I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree and find none. Cut it down; why does it use up the ground?’ 8 But he answered and said to him, ‘Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and fertilize *it*. 9 And if it bears fruit, *well*. But if not, after that you can cut it down.’”

#### 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 510

#### Sermon Text – Exodus 3:1-8b, 10-15

1 Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian. And he led the flock to the back of the desert, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. 2 And the Angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire from the midst of a bush. So he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, but the bush *was* not consumed. 3 Then Moses said, “I will now turn aside and see this great sight, why the bush does not burn.” 4 So when the LORD saw that he turned aside to look, God called to him from the midst of the bush and said, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.” 5 Then He said, “Do not draw near this place. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand *is* holy ground.” 6 Moreover He said, “I *am* the God of your father—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look upon God. 7 And the LORD said: “I have surely seen the oppression of My people who *are* in Egypt, and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters, for I know their sorrows. 8 So I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up from that land to a good and large land, to a land flowing with milk and honey... 10 Come now, therefore, and I will send you to Pharaoh that you

may bring My people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt.” 11 But Moses said to God, “Who *am* I that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?” 12 So He said, “I will certainly be with you. And this *shall be* a sign to you that I have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain.” 13 Then Moses said to God, “Indeed, *when* I come to the children of Israel and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they say to me, ‘What *is* His name?’ what shall I say to them?” 14 And God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” And He said, “Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’” 15 Moreover God said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the children of Israel: ‘The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. This *is* My name forever, and this *is* My memorial to all generations.

### SERMON THEME

#### God’s Solutions for His People’s Situations

1. Bitter slavery? God’s deliverance!
2. Personal doubts? God’s presence!
3. Further ID? God’s name!

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

### Hymn 40

**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.**

### 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.*

**C [spoken]: Amen.**

**Closing Hymn 376**

## CALENDAR and ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

>> Trinity’s School Board meets after church

**TUE** >> Women of Trinity meeting at church, 7 p.m.

**WED** >> 7 p.m. Midweek Lenten worship service – Pastor J. Fleischer

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

>> 4 p.m. confirmation class at Tvedt's

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

**SAT** >> Audra Wiste bridal shower, 12 noon (for more see below)

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

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

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

>> Trinity voters meeting – to discuss teacherage furnace and plans for breakfast/etc on Palm Sunday (March 20)

### UPCOMING EVENTS

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

>> MAR 18 Schaller-Rodebaugh wedding at Messiah/Eau Claire, WI

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

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

**TRINITY BELLS REHEARSALS** No rehearsal on March 5 – rehearsals will resume on March 12 and noon and March 19 at noon.

**MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES!** Pastor Joel Fleischer will be “trading pulpits” with Pastor Krause for the next three 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](mailto: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.

**BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE!** On the bulletin board you will find the whole schedule of games at the Eau Claire tournament. Here are the days/times/opponents for our Trinity team:

Thursday, Mar 17	6 p.m.	vs.	Okabena
Friday, Mar 18	8 a.m.	vs.	Saginaw
Friday, Mar 18	4 p.m.	vs.	Winter Haven

**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:

>> Pastor Neal Radichel, Fond du Lac, WI, to Mankato, MN

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

#### Returned call:

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

#### Accepted call:

>> ILC Professor Steven Sippert to position as ILC President

### 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!

### ATTENDANCES FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 21:

Trinity Sunday morning service: 48 Sunday School: – SDSU BC: 9 Golden: 18 Jenkins: 23 Wed Eve Lent Service: 33 Lords' Supper: –

### LAST WEEK'S CONTRIBUTIONS AT TRINITY (02/21/16):

Envelopes \$1,997.00 Loose: \$147.10 Total: \$2,144.10; Included in totals above: \$170.00 for the Building Fund