

# Zion Lutheran Church

Hidewood Township, SD

# Trinity Lutheran Church

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Fourth Sunday in Lent – March 6, 2016

Organists: Melanie Dumann, Naomi Fuerstenau, Rebecca Larson

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*

### Note to Visitors about Holy Communion

Holy Communion is rightly called a ‘Sacrament’ because it is a “sacred act;” not in what WE do for Christ, but in what Christ does for US! Because God’s Word presents the reception of this Sacrament as a most intimate expression of spiritual and confessional unity (1 Corinthians 1:10; 10:16-17 Romans 16:17-18), we ask that only those who have publicly professed such oneness of faith with us by membership at Zion or Trinity or another CLC church come forward to receive the Sacrament. This is not a judgment of anyone’s faith, but rather an expression of ours. Please speak with the pastor if you are seeking a church home or have any questions. We’d love to have you!

## ORDER for WORSHIP with Holy Communion

To prepare for worship you are encouraged to read Hymn 307

*The bell calls us for worship*

### Opening Prayer

*P: Almighty, ever-living God, grant that I may gladly hear Your Word and that all my worship may be acceptable to You through Jesus Christ, my Lord! Amen.*

### Hymn 159

*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 You forgave the iniquity of my sins.

**ALL: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever**

**offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray that of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son Jesus Christ, You will be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

*P: Upon this your confession, by virtue of my office as a called servant of the Word, I announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the place and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

*ALL SING: Amen.*

*P: Let us pray. Grant, we beseech You, almighty God, that we who deserve to be punished for our evil deeds, may mercifully be relieved by the comfort of Your grace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns as one God with You, Father, and the Holy Spirit, in glory everlasting.*

*ALL SING: Amen.*

### **First Reading – Old Testament – Isaiah 12: 1-6**

*Israel is called upon to rejoice in the knowledge that God will act to save His people.*

1 And in that day you will say: “O LORD, I will praise You; Though You were angry with me, Your anger is turned away, and You comfort me. 2 Behold, God *is* my salvation, I will trust and not be afraid; ‘ For YAH, the LORD, *is* my strength and song; He also has become my salvation.” 3 Therefore with joy you will draw water From the wells of salvation. 4 And in that day you will say: “ Praise the LORD, call upon His name; Declare His deeds among the peoples, Make mention that His name is exalted. 5 Sing to the LORD, For He has done excellent things; This *is* known in all the earth. 6 Cry out and shout, O inhabitant of Zion, For great *is* the Holy One of Israel in your midst!”

### **Second Reading – New Testament Epistle – 1 Corinthians 1: 18-25**

*Although the world may mock, God acts in Christ to save mankind.*

18 For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. 19 For it is written: “*I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, And bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.*” 20 Where *is* the wise? Where *is* the scribe? Where *is* the disputer of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? 21 For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. 22 For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom; 23 but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, 24 but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. 25 Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

### **CONFESSION OF FAITH – THE NICENE CREED**

**ALL: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary And was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, And sits at the right hand of the Father; And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**Hymn 32**

### Sermon Text – Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-32

1 Then all the tax collectors and the sinners drew near to Him to hear Him.  
2 And the Pharisees and scribes complained, saying, “This Man receives sinners and eats with them.” 3 So He spoke this parable to them, saying: ...  
11 ... “A certain man had two sons. 12 And the younger of them said to *his* father, ‘Father, give me the portion of goods that falls *to me*.’ So he divided to them *his* livelihood. 13 And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living. 14 But when he had spent all, there arose a severe famine in that land, and he began to be in want. 15 Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. 16 And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate, and no one gave him *anything*. 17 “But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! 18 I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, 19 and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants.”’” 20 “And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him. 21 And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ 22 “But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring out the best robe and put *it* on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on *his* feet. 23 And bring the fatted calf here and kill *it*, and let us eat and be merry; 24 for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ And they began to be merry. 25 “Now his older son was in the field. And as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. 26 So he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. 27 And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and because he has received him safe and sound, your father has killed the fatted calf.’ 28 “But he was angry and would not go in. Therefore his father came out and pleaded with him. 29 So he answered and said to *his* father, ‘Lo, these many years I have been serving you; I never transgressed your commandment at any time; and yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might make merry with my friends. 30 But as soon as this son of yours came, who has devoured your livelihood with harlots, you killed the fatted calf for him.’ 31 “And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and

all that I have is yours. 32 It was right that we should make merry and be glad, for your brother was dead and is alive again, and was lost and is found.’”

### Theme – The Parable of the Two Lost Sons

**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.**

**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*

**Hymn 324: 1-4**

## THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

*P: The Lord be with you!*

ALL SING: And also with you!

*P: Lift up your hearts!*

ALL SING: We lift them up to the Lord!

*P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God!*

ALL SING: It is good and right so to do!

*P: It is right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who brought the gift of salvation to all people by His death on the tree of the cross, so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree would in turn by a tree be overcome. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:*

**ALL SING: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of heavenly hosts: heav'n and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, Blessed is He, Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

**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;**

ALL SING: For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me." Then He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is My blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me." The peace of the Lord be with you always!*

ALL SING: Amen.

**ALL SING: O Christ, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us Your peace. Amen.**

**ALL SING: Lord, now You let Your servant depart in peace according to Your word. For my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Your people Israel.**

*P: Dear Savior, upon Your gracious invitation we come to Your altar. Let us find favor in Your eyes that we may approach Your Table in true faith and receive the sacrament to the salvation of our souls! Amen.*

**COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION – Hymn 520**

*Communicant members of Zion or Trinity Lutheran Church or of a sister CLC congregation are invited to come forward. For more information regarding the Lord's Supper, please see page 1 of this bulletin, or speak with the pastor after the service. Thank you!*

*P: O blessed Savior Jesus Christ, You have given Yourself to us in this holy sacrament. Keep us in Your faith and favor! As You live in us, let us also live in You. May Your body and blood preserve us in the true faith unto everlasting life! 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.*

**Closing Hymn – 280**

## CALENDAR and ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

>> Trinity's special voters meeting after church (see more below)

**TUE** >> Trinity's School Board meeting at church, 7 p.m.

**WED** >> 7 p.m. 5<sup>th</sup> Midweek Lenten worship service – Pastor P. Krause

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

**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** >> Trinity bell choir rehearsal at 12 noon

>> Turn clocks AHEAD before you go to bed!

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

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

### 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 Trinity bell choir rehearsal, 12 noon

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

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

### TO BE DISCUSSED AT TRINITY VOTERS MEETING TODAY

>> teacherage furnace needing to be replaced

>> setting up plans for Palm Sunday breakfast

>> setting/changing breakdown of pastor's pay package

>> getting church cassette decks to Pastor Andy Schaller

>> setting up special collection for ILC Tour Choir

**MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES!** Pastor Joel Fleischer will be “trading pulpits” with Pastor Krause for the next two 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.

### NOTES FROM THE WOMEN OF TRINITY MEETING

Pastor led a discussion of various Lenten services and traditions. The ILC Tour Choir concert date was discussed; plans are in place as you will find elsewhere in this bulletin. It was also moved/approved to send a \$50.00 gift to the ILC After-Banquet Committee (see more info on how you can help/get involved elsewhere in this bulletin!) Committee 2 is on for taking care of flowers for Easter Sunday; others are welcome to bring Easter lilies as well (see elsewhere in this bulletin).

**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](http://www.ladiesretreat.clclutheran.net). If you have any questions please speak to your pastor.

**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 in the fellowship hall 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!

## **ILC TOUR CHOIR CONCERT DAY INFORMATION**

Plans are for the choir to arrive at 5 p.m. on Saturday, March 19. The women of Trinity are planning to serve a meal to the choir members upon their arrival. The concert itself will be at 7 p.m. During the intermission there will be a collection to help the choir with their trip expenses. After the concert refreshments will be served in the fellowship hall. Trinity members are asked to bring bars and cookies; drinks will be supplied. (We are hoping to send whatever desserts are left over with the choir on Sunday.) Afterward the refreshments, choir members will go to the homes of their hosts for the night.

**SUNDAY MORNING:** The men of Trinity will be serving breakfast at 8:30 a.m. Choir hosts are to bring their guests to church for the 8:30 breakfast. The choir will then be on their way to Rapid City at 10:30 a.m. The church service will then begin at 11 a.m. as usual.

**NOTE TO HOSTS:** Please prepare a "lunch" for those you are hosting to eat on the bus on their way west.

Questions? Please talk to Pastor Krause

## **ILC TOUR CHOIR SCHEDULED STOPS**

*Trinity is only the choir's second stop on their trip! Here is the rest of their concert schedule, as best I know... More details of their trip are posted on the fellowship hall bulletin board...*

Mar 19 – Morris, MN and Watertown, SD; Mar 20 – Rapid City, SD; Mar 21 – Cheyenne, WY; Mar 22 – Loveland, CO; Mar 23 – Lakewood, CO; Mar 24 – Valentine, NE; Mar 25 – Okabena, MN; Mar 26 – Red Wing, MN; Mar 27 – Inver Grove Heights, MN

**ILC AFTER-BANQUET PARTY** Please see the information posted on the church bulletin board! Financial and prize donations are welcome!

**FLOWERS FOR EASTER!** Trinity's committee 2 is planning flowers for church on Easter Sunday – we also welcome our membership to bring Easter flowers (lilies, etc) to help adorn the sanctuary!

**JAMESTOWN, ND, LADIES' LUNCHEON** The women of Our Savior's Lutheran in Jamestown, ND, have invited our women to a luncheon they are planning this fall on Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. Yes, that is quite a ways out yet - but now is a good time to get it on your calendar!

## **CLC CALL NEWS**

### Undecided calls:

- >> Pastor Matt Hanel, Dallas, TX, to West Columbia, SC
- >> Teacher Sara Pfeiffer, Mountain View, CA, to Spokane Valley, WA
- >> Pastor Neal Radichel, Fond du Lac, WI, to Mankato, MN
- >> Pastor Paul Naumann, Tacoma, WA, to ILC as professor

### Returned call:

- >> Pastor Luke Bernthal, Valentine, NE (et al.) to Detroit, MI

## **OTHER CLC NEWS** *Pastor Bob List sends the following...*

The Victory Service for Pastor Arvid Gullerud, who went home to heaven on December 18th, will be held on Friday, March 18th, 11:00 a.m., at Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Spokane Valley, WA. A family graveside service will be held at Rosewood Cemetery, Latah, WA. Cards of comfort may be sent to Eleanore Gullerud at Good Samaritan Village, 17121 8th Ave., Rm. 12, Spokane Valley, WA 99016. The family also kindly requests that any Memorial Gifts in Pastor Gullerud's memory be given directly to CLC Missions. "The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord." - Job 1:21.

**FROM MISSIONARY PETER EVENSEN IN INDIA** *Consider yourself mightily encouraged to get on this website!!! :-)* Learn more about our work in India, visit the blog of Missionary Peter Evensen at [evensen.LutheranMissions.org](http://evensen.LutheranMissions.org) and his photo stream at [bit.ly/peterindia](http://bit.ly/peterindia). In Him, Peter Evensen 715-255-0395 (cell) [www.LutheranMissions.org](http://www.LutheranMissions.org)

**TRINITY BULLETIN BOARDS – CHECK THEM OUT!** On the bulletin board in the church entry are things mostly related to various services; on the board in the fellowship hall are your more "personal interest" items and school things. Take a look today! And bring things to post!

**CAMP KOYQUIN 2016** Just a quick reminder that registration for Camp Koyquin 2016 opens March 18! Camp Koyquin takes place June 19-25 at the "Camp JIM" facilities in Pillager, MN. Camp Koyquin is for CLC members and friends entering grades 5-12 and is a great opportunity for young people to study God's Word, meet new role models and mentors, and enjoy the blessings of Christian fellowship and fun. Cost is \$175 per

camper if registered by May 31st. For more info about camp, FAQs, and to register for Camp Koyquin 2016, please go to [koyquin.clclutheran.net](http://koyquin.clclutheran.net). Please address any specific questions to one of the camp directors: Tom Naumann (920-266-5387 [thomasjnaumann@gmail.com](mailto:thomasjnaumann@gmail.com)) and Jessica Sydow (952-905-9981 [jessicasydow10@gmail.com](mailto:jessicasydow10@gmail.com))

**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 28:**

Zion Sunday: 22 Trinity Sunday: 48 Trin SS: 4 SDSU BC: – Golden: – Jenkins: 19 Trin Wed Eve Lent: 32 Lords’ Supper: –

**TRINITY MONTHLY TREASURERS REPORT**

General Account	Open balance	2/1/16	\$ 9,776.13
	Close balance	2/29/16	\$11,554.18
Building Fund	2/29	General Account	\$ 1,660.00
		Savings Account	\$ 1,055.61

**LAST WEEK’S CONTRIBUTIONS AT TRINITY (02/28/16):**

Envelopes \$2,112.00 Loose: \$168.50 Total: \$2,280.50;  
Included in totals above: \$165.00 for the Building Fund

**TRINITY SERVICE SERVANTS THIS COMING WEEK:**

Greeters Wed, 3/9 Mike Fuerstenau Sun, 3/13 A/R Larson  
Ushers Wed, 3/9 Marty D / Ethan D 3/13 Paul M / Chris M

**DON’T FORGET...**



**ON SATURDAY NIGHT!  
CLOCKS GET TURNED ONE HOUR AHEAD!  
(And yes, if you forget, you will MISS CHURCH!)**

**Daily Bible readings for home devotions, March 7-12, ‘16**

**Mon Isaiah 12:1-1-6** This is our hymn of praise, too, for we also are bonded with our God. *“The LORD is the God of my salvation; He is my strength and song; the Holy One of Israel is great in our midst.”* [See?!] The thinking person will ponder: “Now, HOW did this bonding come about? Just HOW did God put His anger aside, and by what means does He comfort me? The way God has this all covered is marvelous, and Isaiah knew it. Stay tuned!

**Tues Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32** The wayward son was prodigal in dissipations, but his father was prodigious in love—and we dare not miss the point. What brought the wretch back was his recollection of home and the generosity of his father. Indeed, his father graciously forgave him his trespasses, loved him enough to welcome him with hugs and kisses, and generously restored him to the family circle. This is our story, too—ours and our Father’s.

**Wed 1Corinthians 1:18-25** God explains how He works to salvage souls, using His superior wisdom to out-smart all humanity (19-20). Indeed, God is so intelligent that He can make the most unlikely plan turn out to be the most effective. That’s the message of the cross, which embodies (in Jesus) *the power and the wisdom of God*. As much as we lament our own responsibility for Jesus’ death, we praise God for being so generous with us.

**Thurs Psalm 32** David knew all about God’s wisdom and loving compassion, and that got him out of the dumps. Trying to live with guilt made him sick (3-4), so he dragged himself off to the great Physician, gave an account of his symptoms (5), and was handed this prescription: “I forgive what you have done against Me and your neighbor; I hold none of it against you.” That nostrum was so wonderful that David had to tell others (6, 8, 10). Shout for joy, all you who know God’s cure for sin, shame, guilt, and damnation!

**Fri John 4:10-14** What IS the *living water* that Jesus wanted to give the woman at the well? *Living water* is picture language for the Word of God which bubbles up (like an artesian well) to hydrate a dried-up soul. This is not new picture language, for Isaiah used it, too (Isaiah 12:3). The world around us provides plenty of illustrations for the value(s) of fresh, aerated water.

**Sat 1 Peter 1:22-25** Peter uses picture language when he describes the Word of God as dormant seed that sprouts when given the warmth of God’s love and grace to produce plants that will mature and make more seeds. That’s the way nature works. So when God plants His Word in the good ground of a human heart, that Word/seed (containing Jesus and the inherent power of resurrection) comes alive . . . and remains functional to all eternity.