

Zion Lutheran Church

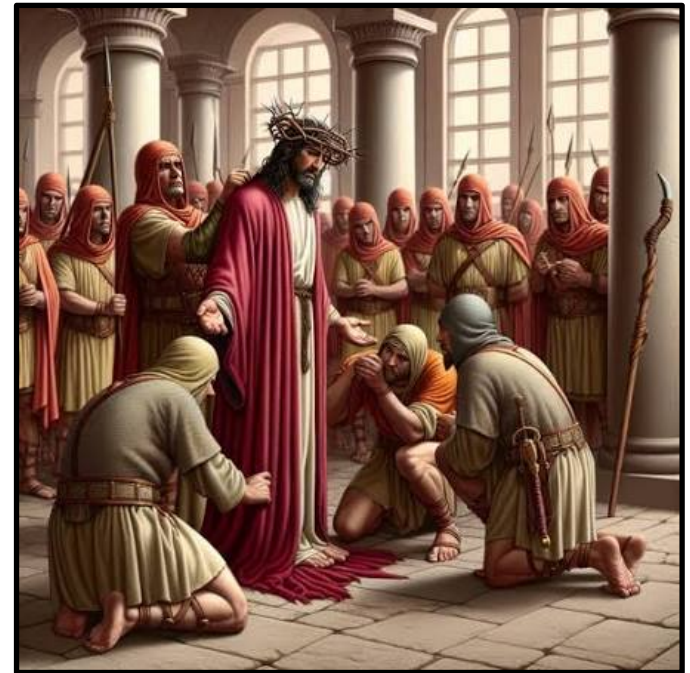
Farmington, New Mexico

The Secret Sisters Luncheon is Saturday, August 29 at 12:30 PM.

The Annual Church Picnic will be Sunday, September 13 following Worship. Bring a friend to church and to the picnic, it will be lots of fun!

The LWML Four Corners Zone Fall Rally will be Saturday, September 12 at St. Paul's in Durango. All ladies of the congregation are invited to come. Please see Dianna Thur or someone from LWML if interested in attending.

Skinned alive! That, according to tradition, is how Bartholomew (called Nathanael in John) was martyred. Christ's preachers are not to be great lords, but servants who faithfully stay with Christ in His trials (Luke 22:24–30). They are “*jars of clay*”; the Savior they preach is the “*surpassing power*” (2 Cor. 4:7). On the foundation of their prophetic and apostolic confession, the Church is built, “*joined together*” by Christ, “*the cornerstone*” (Eph. 2:20–21). As an apostle (Luke 6:13–14), Bartholomew manifested “*the Son of God*” in his preaching and his death. Christ is the “*Son of Man*” — the King who opens heaven to us by His wounds (John 1:49–51). We bear sufferings not leaning “*on [our] own understanding,*” but trusting in the Lord (Prov. 3:5–7). Life will be manifested in our bodies, too, when the Lord brings “*healing to [our] flesh and refreshment to [our] bones*” in the resurrection (Prov. 3:8). For this reason, Bartholomew is often depicted holding his flayed skin. He will have need of it on the Last Day — at least for sizing.



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WORSHIP PREPARATION

Today as we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion we will receive the Body and Blood of our Savior for the forgiveness of our sins. Because Holy Communion is a public confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, we invite those who are members of this congregation or another congregation of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod to commune. Other guests wishing to receive the Sacrament should speak with the pastor before the service.

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Today's Hymns:

Opening: 915, "Today Your Mercy Calls Us"

Sermon: 449, "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

Communion: 625, "O Lord Jesus Christ,..."

770, "What A Friend We Have..."

Closing: 936, "Sing Praise to the God of Israel"

Today's Scripture Readings:

Old Testament: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Epistle: Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32

Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

Today's Sermon: "Crown of Thorns"

Prayer List: Ray Ayers, Hector Salinas, Lennis Walker, Deborah Perleberg, Tyler, Jeanne, DJ, Macie, Lisa, Thompson Family, Kerry, Roy and Dale Esau, David Lukow, Carol Unger, Deborah Unger, Shanda Unger, Shea and Jessica, Debra Mobley, Jack McKeever, Annette Lewis, Jason Hobbs

CALENDAR for THE WEEK

Thursday- Zion's Angels at the Bridge.....11:30 AM

Thursday- Worship Service w/HC..... 3 PM

Saturday- Men's Bible Study.....8 AM

Next Sunday- Bible Study & Sunday School.....9 AM

Next Sunday- Worship Service w/HC.....10:15 AM

Last Week's Attendance

August 6- 5

August 9- 58

Prayer ministers will be available after the service today to pray with you.

Zion is in need of people to help with the powerpoint and the music. If you would like to help out or want more info, please see Candace, Lorna or pastor. Thank you for your help and consideration.