

Our Lenten Midweek services continue this Wednesday night at 7. We continue to look at “Our Savior’s Wounded Body,” this week we look at “His Holy Hands.” Join us as we look at the cost that Jesus paid for our sins.

The Sundays during this season are not “of Lent” but “in Lent.” Thus the Sundays retain an Easter tone and may be less solemn than the midweek services. The observances of Lent are concrete reminders of the greater solemnity of this season, yet Lutherans emphasize the Gospel of Christ as central even to this penitential season.

The church is decorated in violet, the color of royalty and repentance. This period of repentance is marked by a purposeful turning away from our sin and turning toward Christ for His mercy and forgiveness.

In Greek, the word for repentance is μετάνοια.

Metanoia, the English spelling, comes from meta, which means “after,” or “change,” and nous, which means “mind.” So literally this word means a “change of mind.” To turn from our sin, we have to change our mind, change or reorient our ways of doing and thinking about sin. Only then can we fully turn from those sins and turn back toward God. Thankfully we have the Spirit and the body of Christ to help us in doing this. “Create in me a clean heart, O Lord, and renew a right spirit within me.”

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First Sunday in Lent
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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: 746, "Through Jesus' Blood and Merit"

Sermon: 656, "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

Communion: 628, "Your Table I Approach"

718, "Jesus, Lead Thou On"

Closing: 655, "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"

Today's Scripture Readings:

Old Testament: Genesis 3:1-21

Epistle: Romans 5:12-19

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

Today's Sermon: "Duel with the Devil"

Prayer List: DJ, Caroline, Macie, Lisa, Thompson Family, Cynthia Beard, Rothermel Family, Kerry, Roy and Dale Esau, Elisha Van Deusan, David Lukow, Carol Unger, Deborah Unger, Shanda Unger, Shea and Jessica, Debra Mobley, Jack McKeever, Annette Lewis, Jason Hobbs

CALENDAR for THE WEEK

Wednesday- Choir.....6 PM

Wednesday- Lenten Midweek Service.....7 PM

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

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

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

Next Sunday- Worship Service with HC...10:15 AM

Last Week's Worship Attendance

Feb. 12- 9

Feb. 15- 42

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.