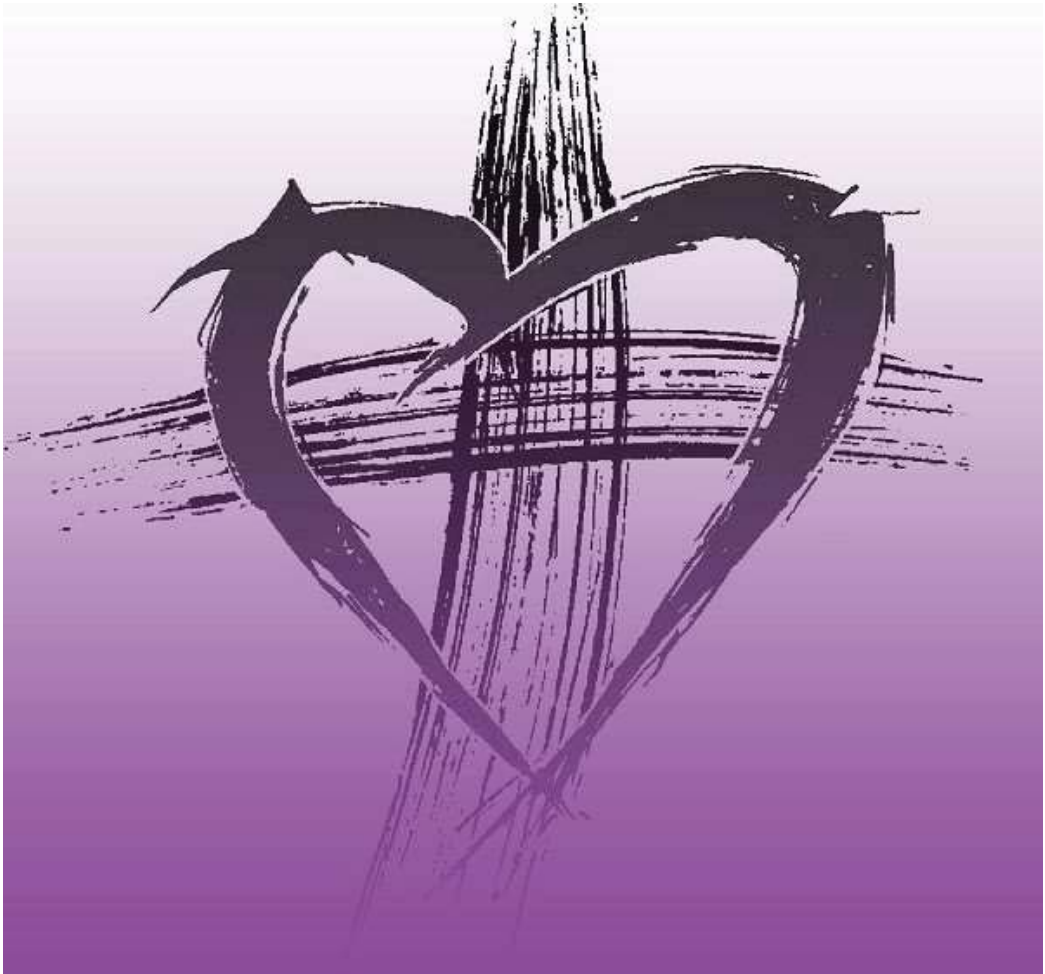


# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



*Third Week of Lent*

*March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014*

# Service of the Word

## *The Prelude*

## *Introduction to Worship*

## *Hymn-sing*

While you can choose any of the hymns in the hymnal, please keep in mind the serious and reflective nature of this service and season of the Church Year.

## *Announcements*

(please stand)

**Opening Hymn:** Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

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## *The Invocation*

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

**People:** Amen.

## *Confession and Absolution*

**Pastor:** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**People:** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

**Pastor:** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**People:** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

## ***The Absolution (spoken by the Pastor)***

### ***The Prayers***

**Pastor:** ...Lord, in your mercy.

**People:** **Hear our prayer.**

(Please be seated)

### **The Reading: Exodus 8:16-24**

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Say to Aaron, 'Stretch out your staff and strike the dust of the earth, so that it may become gnats in all the land of Egypt.'" And they did so. Aaron stretched out his hand with his staff and struck the dust of the earth, and there were gnats on man and beast. All the dust of the earth became gnats in all the land of Egypt. The magicians tried by their secret arts to produce gnats, but they could not. So there were gnats on man and beast. Then the magicians said to Pharaoh, "This is the finger of God." But Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he would not listen to them, as the Lord had said.

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Rise up early in the morning and present yourself to Pharaoh, as he goes out to the water, and say to him, 'Thus says the Lord, "Let my people go, that they may serve me. Or else, if you will not let my people go, behold, I will send swarms of flies on you and your servants and your people, and into your houses. And the houses of the Egyptians shall be filled with swarms of flies, and also the ground on which they stand. But on that day I will set apart the land of Goshen, where my people dwell, so that no swarms of flies shall be there, that you may know that I am the Lord in the midst of the earth. Thus I will put a division between my people and your people. Tomorrow this sign shall happen.'"'" And the Lord did so. There came great swarms of flies into the house of Pharaoh and into his servants' houses. Throughout all the land of Egypt the land was ruined by the swarms of flies.

**Vicar:** **This is the Word of the Lord.**

**People:** **Thanks be to God**

### ***Sermon***

## ***The Offering***

## ***The Lord's Prayer***

## ***Benediction***

Vicar: Finally, brothers, rejoice. Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**People: Amen!**

***The Recessional:*** In the Cross of Christ I Glory

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## ***The Postlude***

### **† *Service Participants* †**

Pastor:	Rev. Duncan McLellan
Vicar	David Schultz
Organist:	Paula Gardner
Elders:	Jim Neill and Brian Pasquini
Acolyte	TBD
Ushers:	Carl Bauer, Gene Koop, Ron Meier, Jack Oelschlager, and Neil Ackerman, Ross Chilcott and John and Kari Gresh
Altar Guild:	Janet, Marian and Molly Oelschlager