

# Zion Lutheran Church



Fifth Week of Lent  
March 25<sup>th</sup> , 2015

## Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church!

We're making our way through the Basic Bible Passages that speak about the Lord's suffering as we approach the end of Lent and Holy Week and Good Friday. So far, we have read passages where Jesus predicts his suffering (Matthew 16:21-28), Paul explains the "Great Exchange" where Jesus took our sin and gave us his righteousness (2 Corinthians 5:16-6:2), Paul proclaims that the benefit of Christ's sacrifice is our redemption and freedom from the control of the Law (Galatians 4:1-7), and last week we listened to Isaiah predict the suffering of the Servant (Isaiah 53). But this week our reading is different. Up until now we have heard people write about the suffering of Jesus and what it means for us; this evening our reading contains the words of Jesus as he is suffering.

Written close to a thousand years before Good Friday, Psalm 22 speaks prophetically to the suffering of Jesus from a first-person perspective. In supernatural detail, the Psalmist paints a picture that would come to life on Golgotha many years later. The previous lessons told us what the death of Christ means for us and even prophetically predicted how the atonement would be made. But this passage tells us what the sights and smells of Good Friday would be like; how it feels to have the Son of God take the full force of the wrath of a Just and Holy God for the sins we committed against him.

Jesus quotes Psalm 22 from the cross, a clear indicator that this Psalm is fulfilled with his suffering and death. As we stand near Holy Week, I encourage you to remember and contemplate what the suffering of Christ was like, what it means for you, and how it shows you just how much God loves you.

God bless your time in worship this evening.

-Pastor Duncan

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# Service of the Word

## *The Prelude*

## *Announcements*

(please stand)

**Opening Hymn:** Glory Be to Jesus

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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*

## *The Prayers*

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

**People:** Hear our prayer.

## The Reading: Psalm 22

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning? O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer, and by night, but I find no rest. Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel. In you our fathers trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them. To you they cried and were rescued; in you they trusted and were not put to shame. But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by mankind and despised by the people. All who see me mock me; they make mouths at me; they wag their heads; "He trusts in the Lord; let him deliver him; let him rescue him, for he delights in him!" Yet you are he who took me from the womb; you made me trust you at my mother's breasts. On you was I cast from my birth, and from my mother's womb you have been my God. Be not far from me, for trouble is near, and there is none to help. Many bulls encompass me; strong bulls of Bashan surround me; they open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion. I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast; my strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death. For dogs encompass me; a company of evildoers encircles me; they have pierced my hands and feet. I can count all my bones—they stare and gloat over me; they divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots. But you, O Lord, do not be far off! O you my help, come quickly to my aid! Deliver my soul from the sword, my precious life from the power of the dog! Save me from the mouth of the lion! You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen! I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you: You who fear the Lord, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him, and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel! For he has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted, and he has not hidden his face from him, but has heard, when he cried to him. From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will perform before those who fear him. The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord!

May your hearts live forever! All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall worship before you. For kingship belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations. All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one who could not keep himself alive. Posterity shall serve him; it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation; they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn, that he has done it.

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

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

***Sermon Hymn:*** Son of God, Eternal Savior

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***Sermon***

***The Offering***

***The Lord's Prayer***

***Benediction***

**Pastor:** 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:*** Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling

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***The Postlude***

**† *Service Participants* †**

Pastor:	Rev. Duncan McLellan
Organist:	Sandra Quinlan
Elders:	Peter Fisher & Rob Oelschlager
Acolyte	Elder
Ushers:	Josh Gielarowski, Dale Miller, Barb & Wayne Oechslein Ross Chilcott, Sam Dragan, Dan Harris & Chuck LaJeunesse
Altar Guild:	Janet, Marian & Molly Oelschlager

Tonight's sermon will not be posted until this coming weekend,  
sorry for any inconvenience.