



The Third Sunday in Lent + March 27, 2011 AD +9:00 AM and 11:00 AM

“The Gift of God”



A Prayer Upon Entering Church

I come to you, O Lord, with a fevered soul, parched and arid by reason of my sin. O living Water, revive me. Let me worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Welcome. A woman from the land of Samaria once came to a well for water. There, she met Christ, and so she left with much more than water: she left with the truth of how things really are, and the gift of life in Jesus Christ. This same gift pours out on you this day from the wellspring of God’s mercy.

Parents: Children are welcome at our services. For parents who desire it, a nursery with an attendant is downstairs.

We are not chosen because we are great; we are not holy because we act like it; we are not beloved because we have earned it. God is the one to choose, to sanctify, to grace us

PRELUDE

“Gethsemane”

... Cherwien

RINGING OF THE BELLS

Please stand.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Please kneel.

(silence for reflection)

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: 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 you of your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.

P: Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead 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.

C: Amen

Please stand.

ENTRANCE HYMN

“Glories of Your Name Are Spoken” green hymnal #358

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

KYRIE

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.

A - men

... As a consequence, we worship God. We respond to the enormity of his grace with praise and skill, with lives of service It is a lavishing of our lives that fills us with fire.
 ~ Marva Dawn,
A Royal Waste of Time,
 1999 A.D.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray . . . O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen**

Please be seated.

CHORAL RESPONSE (9:00 a.m.)

“Brighter than Snow”

... Ruth Elaine Schram

FIRST LESSON Exodus 17:1-7

¹All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.” And Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?” ³But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?” ⁴So Moses cried to the LORD, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” ⁵And the LORD said to Moses, “Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink.” And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 95:1-9

Choir/ Come, let us sing 'to the LORD;*

L: let us shout for joy to the rock of 'our salvation.

C: **Let us come before his presence 'with thanksgiving*
and raise a loud shout to 'him with psalms.**

Choir/ For the LORD 'is a great God,*

L: and a great king a'bove all gods.

**C: In his hand are the caverns 'of the earth,*
and the heights of the hills 'are his also.**

Choir/ The sea is his, 'for he made it,*
L: and his hands have molded 'the dry land.

**C: Come, let us bow down and 'bend the knee,*
and kneel before the 'LORD our maker.**

Choir/ For he is our God, | and we are the people of his pasture and
L: the sheep 'of his hand.*
Oh, that today you would hearken 'to his voice!

**C: Harden not your hearts, as your forebears did 'in the wilderness,*
at Meribah, and on that day at Massah, when they 'tempted me.**

Choir/ They put me 'to the test,*
L: though they had 'seen my works.

SECOND LESSON Romans 5:1-8

¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. ⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

VERSE

C:

Christ hath hum - bled him - self, and be - come o -
be - dient un - to death: e - ven the death of the Cross.

GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 4th chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

The service and worship of the Gospel is to receive good things from God The greatest possible comfort comes from this doctrine, that the highest worship in the Gospel is the desire to receive forgiveness of sins, grace, and righteousness.
~ The Apology of the Augsburg Confession, 1531 A.D.

⁵So [Jesus] came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. ⁷There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸(For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." ¹¹The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?" ¹²Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." ¹³Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty forever. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." ¹⁵The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." ¹⁷The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; ¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true." ¹⁹The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." ²¹Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such

people to worship him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” ²⁵The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things.” ²⁶Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am he.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



THE APOSTLES' CREED

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the ☩ resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Please be seated.

SUNDAY SCHOOL (9:00 a.m.)

No Sunday School classes today. Classes resume on April 3.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say” green hymnal #497 (*alternate tune*)

SERMON

“The Gift of God”

Please kneel.

PRAYERS

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

P: . . . let us pray to the Lord,

C: Lord, have mercy.

Behold, here you have the true honor and worship which please God . . . that the heart should know no other consolation or confidence than in Him, nor let itself be torn from Him, but for Him should risk and disregard everything else on earth.

~ The Large Catechism, 1529 A.D.

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

Please be seated.

OFFERING

*While the offerings are received, please pass in your row the **Friendship Register**, and add your name(s). If you are a guest or visitor, please include your address.*

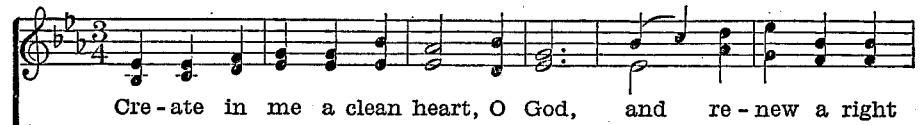
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“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

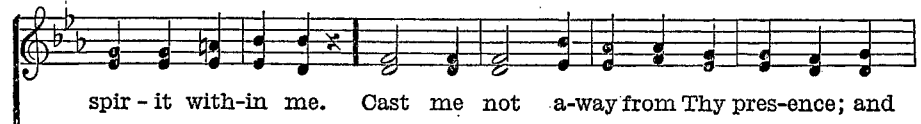
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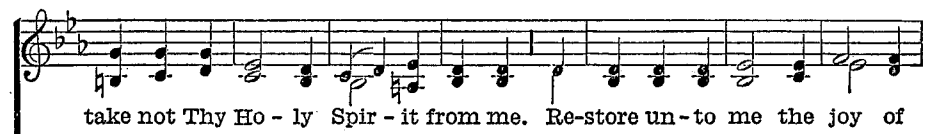
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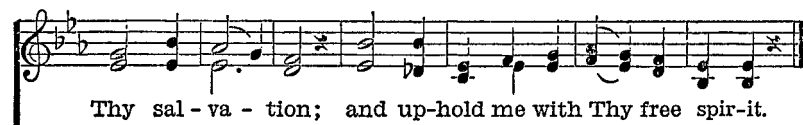
Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right



spir - it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from Thy pres-ence; and



take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store un-to me the joy of



Thy sal - va - tion; and up-hold me with Thy free spir-it.

P: Let us pray. Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth, who by your tender love gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption. May we who receive his body and blood be filled with heavenly benediction.

C: Amen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.



☐ And al - so with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.



☐ We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



☐ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right and salutary . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



☐ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of



pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name



of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

□ Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of
God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.

Please be seated.

COMMUNION HYMNS

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me” green hymnal #327

“Amazing Grace” green hymnal #448

Please stand after all have received the sacrament.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

**On my heart imprint your image
Blessed Jesus, king of grace,
That life’s troubles nor its pleasures
Ever may your work erase;
Let the clear inscription be:
Jesus, crucified for me,
Is my life, my hope’s foundation,
All my glory and salvation!**

PRAYER

P: Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE

“Lamb of God, Pure and Sinless”

... Pachelbel

+ **Soli Deo Gloria** +
To God alone be glory

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**A Prayer
Upon Leaving
Church**
Almighty
God, endless
Cup of blessing: I thank
and praise
you for this
service of
your Gospel.
You are the
Lord whose
character is
always to
have mercy.
As You have
led me here to
receive You,
so now lead
me forth to
confess Your
holy Name in
all that I
think, say,
and do. Yes,
grant that I
may be what
you have
made me, a
very temple
of Your presence;
for the sake
of Jesus Christ,
Your Son. Amen

✠ HOLY COMMUNION ✠

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Zion in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord therefore invites to His altar baptized Christians who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Children may receive the sacrament after completing first communion class. Zion holds this class at the end of the child's 4th grade year.

Distribution: You may receive the Supper at either the altar rail or the chapel. To commune at the chapel, please proceed down the center aisle with the other communicants, and inform the usher at the front pew that you desire to commune at the chapel.

Communion Cards: Both members and visitors are asked to use a "Communion Registration" card. This enables our pastors to provide ministry and personal attention within the Zion family. When visitors include a church name and city on the card, we will mail it to that church.

Today's Participants:

Presiding Pastor: Rev. Ted Gulhaugen

Preaching Pastor: Rev. Steven Gjerde

Organist: Virginia Giese

Choir: (9:00) Zion Kantorei

Radio Announcer: (9:00) Scott Schubring

Acolyte: (9:00) Mitchell Kaczmarowski

(11:00) Ben Schubring

Lector: (9:00) Lynn Budnik

(11:00) Craig Bergendorf

Elder: (9:00) Barbara Leader

(11:00) Al Lippert

Ushers: (9:00) Marty Dettmering; Sally Christoffersen;

Larry and Marilyn Schubring

(11:00) Al Lippert; Herbert Zahrt

Communion Assistants:

(9:00) Sally Christoffersen; Ruth Hochberger

(11:00) Gary Gisselman; Judy Radloff

Altar Guild: Debra Thomas; Anna Mae Zeinemann

For You This Week

March 26—April 3, 2011

Sharing God's Blessings

- Sunday's Radio Broadcast is sponsored by Lois and Ken Haderlein in loving memory of Lois' parents: Louis Traska, whose birthday is March 22 and Mildred Traska, whose birthday is March 26.
- Sunday's bulletins are sponsored in appreciation for Zion Lutheran Church by Craig and Emmy Gardner.

Sponsors Welcome for Bulletins

During the Lenten season when there are no flowers at the altar, and you wish to celebrate a special event, or remember a family member, you may sponsor the Saturday or Sunday bulletins. The cost is \$20.00. There is no sign-up sheet posted, so please call the church office, 715-848-7286, if you would like to sponsor the bulletins.

Bible Study in the Church Hall

- Sunday, 10:15 a.m., 2 Corinthians 5:21
 - Tuesday, 9:00 a.m., Matthew 5:21
 - Wednesday, noon and 7:15 pm., Spirituality of the Cross
 - Thursday, 7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast; Ezekiel 10:1
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Midweek Worship

10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., "The Trial and Peter's Denial"

Lenten Meals: Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. and 5:15 p.m.

This week: Minestrone soup (egg salad sandwich included in the evening). **Free will offering for the meal.** Any remaining soup may be purchased after the meals: \$2 per pint and \$4 per quart.

Spaghetti Supper at Zion

... Sunday, April 3 from 4:00—6:30 p.m. in Zion's church hall. The March newsletter has a form for you to fill out indicating how you can help make this fundraiser for Zion a success! Also, there are extra forms on the tables in the narthex and by the church office.

Spaghetti Supper Tickets: Someone will be in the church office after each worship service this weekend to sell tickets. You may also purchase tickets during the week at the church office.

AGO Lenten Series

The Wisconsin River Chapter of the American Guild of Organists annual Lenten Organ Meditations are being held on Fridays in Lent at First English Lutheran Church, 402 N. 3rd Ave., Wausau from 12:15 p.m.—12:45 p.m. See the poster at the east or west entrance for a list of the organists who will perform.

Quilting

... Monday, March 28 from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. in the church hall. Volunteers are welcome!

Portals of Prayer

... for April—June are available for you to take from the narthex and the reception area by the church office. Large print copies are available by the church office.

New Website

Zion's new website has now been launched, featuring weekly updates and audible downloads of the pastors' sermons. You may access the site at: zionlutheran-wausau.com.

Young at Heart

... meets this Wednesday, March 30 in the church hall for the Lenten soup meal at 11:30 a.m. Following lunch, the guest speaker, Jane Graham Jennings, will speak about the Women's Community. All adult seniors 60+ are welcome to attend.

Bookmarks

Ash Wednesday / Lent bookmarks are available in the narthex and on the tables by the church office. Please take one.

Every Sunday

The Wausau Daily Herald may be purchased in the narthex or near the church office to benefit Zion youth.

Please Pray for the Church in Ethiopia

In the last month, dozens of churches and mission stations have been burned down. Thousands of people have been expelled from their homes, beaten, and killed. Pray that God would strengthen their faith and give them courage in the face of persecution.

Concordia Guild

Our next meeting will be Thursday, April 7 at 7:00 p.m. at the Everest Inn. The program will be "100 Years of Women's Fashions: 1870—1970", presented by Anna Straub of the Marathon County Historical Society. **Save the Date:** Tuesday, May 10 Salad Buffet in the church hall. Fashion Show presented by Coldwater Creek.

Men's Prayer Breakfast

Tickets for the Maundy Thursday Men's Prayer Breakfast (April 21) are on sale (\$6) in the church office. The speaker this year is Gene Edward Veith, Jr., who will speak on the trial of Jesus.

March Missions

Lutheran Bible Translators: "Jesus loves me—This I know" We all know the first line of the song. Many people don't have access of the Bible telling them so. It is not in their language. Lutheran Bible Translators go out and teach this song with a Bible in their language. Whether you heard it first or read it first, the source of that wonderful, amazing knowledge of God's love for us is God's Word, the Bible. Help spread the Word through LBT throughout the world. Zion's goal is \$2,000.00.

Crossways International: Australian pastor Dr. Harry Wendt founded Crossways International in 1979 and he continues to be very active with the ministry. Crossways International is a non-profit organization, whose mission is to equip people to understand the written Word. Dr. Wendt has been sharing God's timeless story worldwide for more than 30 years+. CI believes that the work of growing God's kingdom should be entrusted to professional church workers and to believers everywhere. CI's digital and electronic teaching resources are being used by missionaries in Uganda and Sudan. "Taking the Word Where Words Can't Go" is an initiative of CI to foster biblical literacy and servant-discipleship worldwide. Zion's goal is \$1,000.00.

Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend in Minnesota

... April 8-10 in Duluth. Registration is requested weeks in advance. Call the Dehnels at 952-432-3105 or the McMahons at 763-561-1575; or visit online at www.godlovesmarriage.org.

Aspirus Comfort Care and Hospice Volunteers Needed

When you become a volunteer with Aspirus Comfort Care and Hospice Services, you help make a difference in the quality of life for their patients. Aspirus Angels share a capacity for giving and a spirit for helping others. Call Tasha Stencil, 715-847-2705; or visit their website: www.aspirus.org/volunteers and click on Become a Volunteer.

THIS WEEK AT ZION

March 26—April 3, 2011

- Sat. 5:15 pm Communion Service
- Sun. **LENT 3**
9:00 am Communion Service, broadcast on WSAU Radio
NO Sunday School today
10:15 am Bible Study
11:00 am Communion Service
- Mon. 1:00—3:30 pm Quilting in the church hall
7:00 pm Personnel Committee
- Tues. 9:00 am Bible Study
10:30 am Staff Meeting
- Weds. 10:30 am Morning Prayer
11:30 am – 12:30 pm Soup/Bread Meal in church hall
11:30 am Young at Heart
12:00 pm “Spirituality of the Cross” Class
5:15 pm – 6:15 pm Soup/Sandwich Meal in church hall
6:30 pm Evening Prayer
7:15 pm Youth Catechism Class
7:15 pm “Spirituality of the Cross” Class
- Thurs. 7:00 am Men’s Bible Study
6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal
- Sat. 5:15 pm Communion Service
- Sun. **LENT 4**
9:00 am Communion Service, broadcast on WSAU Radio
9:15 am Sunday School resumes
10:15 am Bible Study
11:00 am Communion Service
4:00—6:30 pm Spaghetti Supper in church hall

<u>ATTENDANCE: 3/19, 20 & 23:</u>	
Saturday 5:15 pm:	71
Sunday:	
9:00 am	175
11:00 am	50
Wednesday:	
10:30 am	10
6:30 pm	<u>57</u>
Total:	363

**Easter Deco-
rating Fund**

Please refer to the bulletin insert. Donations are welcome for this yearly fund. The deadline for your gift is April 18.

**“Bow the
Knee”**

This Easter dramatic musical will be performed at two churches on the following weekends: April 9 and 10, and April 16 and 17. Zion parishioners Wayne, Tim and Emma Pagel are performers. Refer to the posters on the bulletin boards by the northeast and west entrances for more information.

Zion Lutheran Church

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Those who trust in the Lord shall be like Mount Zion,
which cannot be moved, but abides forever. (Psalm 125:1)

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