

### Exodus 20:1-17 (ESV)

20 And God spoke all these words, saying,  
21 "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery."<sup>3</sup> "You shall have no other gods before me."<sup>4</sup> "You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth."<sup>5</sup> "You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me,<sup>6</sup> but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments."<sup>7</sup> "You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain."<sup>8</sup> "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy."<sup>9</sup> "Six days you shall labor, and do all your work,<sup>10</sup> but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates."<sup>11</sup> "For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy."<sup>12</sup> "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you."<sup>13</sup> "You shall not murder."<sup>14</sup> "You shall not commit adultery."<sup>15</sup> "You shall not steal."<sup>16</sup> "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor."<sup>17</sup> "You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's."

### 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

<sup>18</sup> For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup> For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."<sup>20</sup> Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup> For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God

through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe.

<sup>22</sup> For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom,<sup>23</sup> but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles,<sup>24</sup> but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup> For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. <sup>26</sup> For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup> But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup> God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are,<sup>29</sup> so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup> And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption,<sup>31</sup> so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

### John 2:13-25

<sup>13</sup> The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. <sup>15</sup> And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables.

<sup>16</sup> And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade."<sup>17</sup> His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me."<sup>18</sup> So the Jews said to him, "What sign do you show us for doing these things?" <sup>19</sup> Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."<sup>20</sup> The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?"

<sup>21</sup> But he was speaking about the temple of his body.

<sup>22</sup> When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.<sup>23</sup> Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he was doing. <sup>24</sup> But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people<sup>25</sup> and needed no one to bear witness about man, for he himself knew what was in man.



**March 4, 2018**

**Third Sunday in Lent**

Zion Lutheran Church

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✠ **In the Name of Jesus** ✠

**Theme of the Day** ~ *The Crucified and Risen Body of Jesus Is the True Temple of the Lord.* The Lord rescues His people, Israel, “*out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery*” (Ex. 20:2) and makes His gracious covenant with them, defined by the Ten Commandments. Since He has become their God by His grace, they shall be His people, having “*no other gods*” before Him (Ex. 20:3). He is “*jealous*” for them as a husband for his wife and as a father for his children. He has named them with His name and called them to rest in Him (Ex. 20:5–9). The incarnate Son, Christ Jesus, is likewise jealous for His Father’s house, because it is to be a place of divine grace and Sabbath rest for His people, and not “*a house of trade*” (John 2:16–17). His zeal consumes Him as He gives up “*the temple of his body*” to the destruction of the cross, but in three days He raises it up again to be the true temple forever (John 2:17–21). By His crucifixion He cleanses the entire household, and in His resurrection He becomes “*wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption*” (1 Cor. 1:30). *Today, we will have our first of many Door Offerings on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month, “Resources for Rachel”, our adopted missionary, Rachel Meyer and her mission work in Uganda.*

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OPENING HYMN “*Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens*” LSB 589

SERMON HYMN “*Listen! God is Calling*” LSB 833

SERMON “*Why Should They Listen?*” Ex. 20:1-2; 1 Cor. 1:18, 21-25; Jn 2:16-22

ADOPTION OF MISSIONARY RACHEL MEYER

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS “*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*” LSB 425

“*Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices*” LSB 811

“*Spread the Reign of God the Lord*” LSB 830

CLOSING HYMN “*May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill*” LSB 698

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| <b>Pastor</b>      | Paul Hauser                        | <b>Organist</b> | Tami Mosher                |
| <b>A/V</b>         | Thomas Hollingsworth               | <b>Elders</b>   | Jack Traub & Dick Bluemer  |
| <b>Acolytes</b>    | Mckenna Kumar & Allyssa Carroll    | <b>Greeters</b> | Elmer Blehm & Myrna Pruitt |
| <b>Altar Guild</b> | Michelle Klemish and Judy Hingston |                 |                            |

#### **Our Measure of Love and Gifts**

**Attendance last week** – 92 ~ Midweek Lenten 33 ~ *Needed for The Lord’s Work at Zion* \$4128 ~ *Received for the Lord’s Work* \$3,476= Loose Plate \$303, Envelopes \$2,578, Mission \$167, Maintenance \$428; Cap. Prj. \$100; \$100 in memory of Donna Gofton.

**Please pray for your fellow Christians on their birthday:** Mar 9- Mike Rohn; Mar 10- Tom Garner; Mar 11- Jeanne Kade (her 81<sup>st</sup>); Mar 13- Amy Huey; Mar 15- Jesus Mata.

**Today’s Memory Verse** ~ “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” Matthew 6:19-21

**Midweek Lenten Soup Suppers** continue Wednesdays from 5:30pm – 6:30 pm through Lent sponsored by the Board of Evangelism/Stewardship serving macaroni and cheese and hotdogs. Everyone is welcome to attend.



**Mildred Pretzer**, lifelong, faithful member of Zion died February 27 and was given Christian burial on Friday. Mildred is survived by her daughters, Kathleen Pretzer, Sandra and Bob DeLong; her grandchildren, Derek (Jennifer O’Meara) DeLong, Nathan DeLong, and Sarah (Chad) Plumlee; her great-grandchildren, Alyssa, Charlotte and Quinn; many nieces, nephews, and their families; her brother-in-law, Ralph Rowe. Besides her parents and her husband, she was predeceased by her brothers and sisters, Adeline Neuenfeldt, Elder Beyersdorf, Connie Ellis, Ruella Suhan, Addison Beyersdorf, Lola Minto, Doris Schafer, Nina Rowe, Chester Beyersdorf, Lorraine Wardin, and Evelyn Pretzer; and by several brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law. *And I heard a voice from heaven saying, ‘Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on. Blessed indeed,’ says the Spirit, ‘that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!’” (Revelation 14:13 ESV).*

**Resources for Rachel** ~ In addition to our annual mission support to the Michigan District the Church Council has chosen to adopt and support Rachel Meyer, missionary to Uganda, through monthly door offerings and prayer. We will formally adopt Rachel during the service this morning. Offerings will be taken the first Sunday of each month following the worship service beginning today. You may also follow Rachel in her mission on facebook “Missionary Meyer in Uganda”.

**St. Peter Lutheran Men’s Club** is sponsoring their Annual Fish Fry on Friday, March 9, 2018 in the school gym, 2440 N. Rauchholz Road, Hemlock, serving from 4:00 – 7:00 pm; take-outs are available from 4:00 – 6:00 pm. \$10.00 adults; \$4.00 children 5-12; preschoolers free. Plenty of handicapped parking available.

**Easter flower** order forms are available in the narthex. Orders are due March 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Sauerkraut** ~ There is still sauerkraut available for \$3 per quart and \$1.50 per pint. Available in the church office. Pass the word along to those who may be interested.

**Reminder to Thrivent Members** ~ Thriven Choice Dollars for 2017 will expire March 31, 2018. Direct your dollars by phone (1-800-847-4836) or online at Thrivent.com/thriventchoice and follow the prompts. You will need your Thrivent membership number and S.S. number. Any undesignated funds will remain with the company. Last year Zion received \$3,172 in Choice Funds which are designated to our Capital Projects Fund.