

### Ezekiel 33:7-20 (ESV)

<sup>7</sup>“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup>If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. <sup>9</sup>But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul. <sup>10</sup>“And you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, Thus have you said: ‘Surely our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we rot away because of them. How then can we live?’ <sup>11</sup>Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel? <sup>12</sup>“And you, son of man, say to your people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him when he transgresses, and as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall by it when he turns from his wickedness, and the righteous shall not be able to live by his righteousness when he sins. <sup>13</sup>Though I say to the righteous that he shall surely live, yet if he trusts in his righteousness and does injustice, none of his righteous deeds shall be remembered, but in his injustice that he has done he shall die. <sup>14</sup>Again, though I say to the wicked, ‘You shall surely die,’ yet if he turns from his sin and does what is just and right, <sup>15</sup>if the wicked restores the pledge, gives back what he has taken by robbery, and walks in the statutes of life, not doing injustice, he shall surely live; he shall not die. <sup>16</sup>None of the sins that he has committed shall be remembered against him. He has done what is just and right; he shall surely live. <sup>17</sup>“Yet your people say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just,’ when it is their own way that is not just. <sup>18</sup>When the righteous turns from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it. <sup>19</sup>And when the wicked turns from his wickedness and does what is just and right, he shall live by this. <sup>20</sup>Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, I will judge each of you according to his ways.”

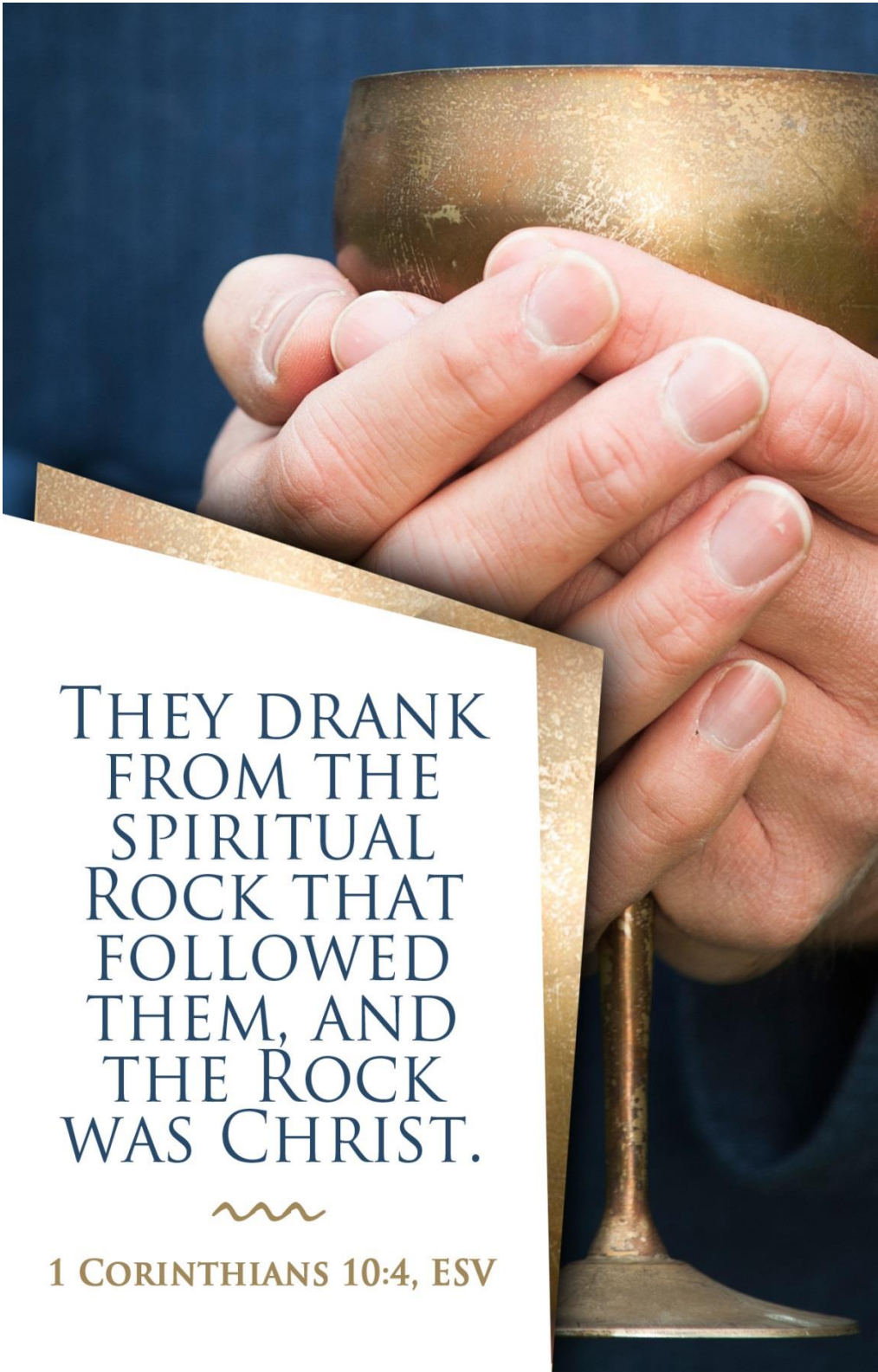
### 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 (ESV)

<sup>10</sup>For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, <sup>2</sup>and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, <sup>3</sup>and all ate the

same spiritual food, <sup>4</sup>and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. <sup>5</sup>Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness. <sup>6</sup>Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. <sup>7</sup>Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.” <sup>8</sup>We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. <sup>9</sup>We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, <sup>10</sup>nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. <sup>11</sup>Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. <sup>12</sup>Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. <sup>13</sup>No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

### Luke 13:1-9 (ESV)

<sup>13</sup>There were some present at that very time who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. <sup>2</sup>And he answered them, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? <sup>3</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. <sup>4</sup>Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? <sup>5</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.” <sup>6</sup>And he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. <sup>7</sup>And he said to the vinedresser, ‘Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?’ <sup>8</sup>And he answered him, ‘Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put on manure. <sup>9</sup>Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”



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1 CORINTHIANS 10:4, ESV

**March 24, 2019**  
**Third Sunday in Lent**

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✠ **In the Name of Jesus** ✠

**Theme of the Day** ~ Jesus Calls You to Repentance. “Unless you repent, you will all likewise perish” (Luke 13:3, 5). By this warning, the Lord would turn us away from wickedness and bring us to life in Himself. For He is patient with us, that we not be cut down in our sin but live and bear fruit in Him. As He lives, the Lord has “no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live” (Ezek. 33:11). So the Scriptures have been “written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come” (1 Cor. 10:11), that we should not desire evil but trust in Christ. He alone is faithful, the Rock who feeds us with His “spiritual food” and pours out His “spiritual drink” (1 Cor. 10:3–4).

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| ORDER OF SERVICE Service of Prayer and Preaching                                   | p. 260  |
| OPENING HYMN “God Loved the World So that He Gave”                                 | LSB 571 |
| SERMON HYMN “Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”   | LSB 761 |
| SERMON “Careful Estimation of the Best and the Worst” Ez. 33:7; 1 Cor. 10, Luke 13 |         |
| CLOSING HYMN “My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”                                    | LSB 576 |

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| <b>Pastor</b>       | Paul Hauser                    |
| <b>Organist</b>     | Tami Mosher                    |
| <b>Elder/Reader</b> | Dale Rohde                     |
| <b>A/V</b>          | Sierra Yell                    |
| <b>Ushers</b>       | Marc Pinet & Frank Yell        |
| <b>Altar Guild</b>  | Michelle Klemish & Irene Kruth |
| <b>Greeters</b>     | Bud & Millie Parker            |

**Our Measure of Love and Gifts**

**Attendance last week** – 79 Midweek Lenten 25 Needed for *The Lord’s Work at Zion* \$4,504 ~ Received for *the Lord’s Work* \$3,035 = Loose Plate \$89, Envelopes \$2,544, Mission \$145, Maintenance \$257; Cap. Prj. \$25; \$25 in memory of June Kreger.

**Please pray for your fellow Christians on their birthday** Mar 29-Rebecca Greskowiak, Gerry Hingston (her 88<sup>th</sup>), Matthew Schmoyer; Mar 30- Pam Gilbert, Claire Laurenz, Don Rossow; Mar 31- Dominique Porter; April 2-Penny Brown, Ariana Duma, Alena Duma; Apr 4- Dennis Osmond, Amber Richnak.

**Today’s Memory Verse** ~ “This is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.” 1 John 5:11-12

**“Joining Jesus in His Mission”** will be discussed together from 5:30-6:30 pm beginning Wednesday, March 20 through Lent and Sunday at 11:00 am following the worship service. “*Joining Jesus on His Mission*” will alter the way you see your life as a follower of Jesus and take you beyond living your life for Jesus to living life with Jesus. Simple, powerful and applicable insights show you how to be on mission and recognize where Jesus is already at work in your neighborhoods, workplaces and schools. You will feel both relief and hope. You may even hear yourself say, “I can do this!” as you start responding to the everyday opportunities Jesus is placing in your path. Come and join Jesus and us at this time!

**Lenten Yard Crosses** are available in the narthex if you have misplaced yours or have given it to a friend.

**The Lutheran Hymnal** ~ Last call for the 1941 blue “The Lutheran Hymnal” that is yours for the taking. We have many that do not have names on them and many with “In Memory of”. If you or any of your family members would like any of these hymnals they are available in the library room. Or call the church at 642-5909 to arrange a time to pick them up. First come, first served. Please pass the word! A list of memorial names is in the narthex. Remaining hymnals will be recycled.

**Zion’s 98<sup>th</sup> Annual Chicken Dinner** will be held on April 28. Sign up sheets are in the narthex for grocery donations, help on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Profits from this year’s dinner will benefit The Toni & Trish House in Auburn providing personal, selfless, compassionate care to each guest in a home-like environment where no one dies alone.

**Euchre Tournament** at Bethlehem Lutheran in Saginaw on April 6<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm. Early bird pricing (through 3/29): \$15 ea. /2 for \$25 or \$20 Per Person at the Door. Each Player Competes as an individual. To purchase tickets, visit the school office 7:30am-3:30pm. Admission includes a sloppy joe meal and a chance to compete for prizes. All proceeds benefit the Bethlehem Lutheran Athletics program. For more information contact the school office (989) 755-1144.