

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

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The Second Sunday in Lent

March 15 & 16, 2025

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Welcome

Welcome to worship as we journey through the season of Lent, seeking to grow in faith, hope and love.

Prayer Before Worship

Lord, prepare our hearts for worship. Still our souls. Ground us in your grace; in Jesus' name. Amen.

The Altar Flowers

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by the Brodersen and Broggi families in memory of Hans Brodersen on what would have been his 95th birthday.

Eternal Light

The Eternal Light is lit by Deborah Moro in memory of Mary, George, and Barbara.

Theme: "Standing Firm in Faith"



How's your faith? Is it firm, steadfast, and strong? Or do you find that it seems to be growing weak, uncertain, or even in danger of disappearing at times? As we follow our Lord in this Lenten season, leading up to the distressing events of Holy Week, we are warned today that the same opposition, rejection, and betrayal faced by prophets like Jeremiah, and even Jesus, will also face us as His followers. What did He mean when He said, "You will be hated by all for My name's sake"? (Luke 21:17). But rather than a dire prediction, Jesus said, "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on My account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you" (Matthew

5:11-12). When challenges arise and temptations overwhelm, we are reminded to remember that our Lord Himself endured "the cross, despising the shame" with the prospect of His certain victory and eternal placement at the right hand of the throne of God (Hebrews 12:2). That certainty is ours, as St. Paul says, "Therefore, my brothers, . . . my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord" (Philippians 4:1).

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Our Worship to The Lord

Saturday Service – 5:00 PM

- Liturgy: Insert, Holy Baptism
- Hymns: #593 See This Wonder in the Making
- #435 Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain
- #554 O Jesus, King Most Wonderful

Sunday Service - 10:30 AM

- Liturgy: Page 203, Holy Communion
- Hymns: #435 Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain
- #554 O Jesus, King Most Wonderful