



## SEPTUAGESIMA

(Meaning - 'Seventieth' Day Before Easter)

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**WELCOME** to all who are worshiping with us. If you are a guest, please sign the guest book, including your home address and congregation. We welcome to our altar all those who share our confession of faith within the fellowship of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod.



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**The offering plate** is on the table in the narthex. Thank you for your continued contributions.

**COLLECT OF THE DAY** - O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**IN OUR PRAYERS**, we remember Starr Barke, Kristin Bosteels, Vic Bosteels, Dwayne Brewer, Sr., Robert Jones, Marion McKnight, Amy Schwanke, Neil Schwanke, Bill Simmons, Loretta Stoeger, Sally Thomas, Sally Tidmarsh, Andy Volker, Cindy Volker, Mildred Ward, and Ken Welch, all of whom are dealing with health problems. We ask God to provide for the pastoral and financial needs of this congregation.

**THIS WEEK AT ZION AND ST. PAUL'S:**

TODAY (SATURDAY)	Zion Service with Holy Communion	5:00PM
SUNDAY	St. Paul's Service with Holy Communion	8:30AM
	St. Paul's Sunday School and Bible class	9:45AM
MONDAY	Zion Bible class	9:00AM
SATURDAY	Sunday School	3:45PM
	Zion Service with Holy Communion	5:00PM
SUNDAY	St. Paul's Service with Holy Communion	8:30AM
	St. Paul's Sunday School and Bible class	9:45AM

**ATTENDANCE** last week: 18      Holy Communion: 14      Offering: \$725; Building Fund: \$10  
Bible class: n/a (cancelled for ice)  
(Zion needs about \$1,157 in weekly offerings to cover expenses)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Ash Wednesday**, the start of Lent, is Wednesday, February 14. Worship service that day will be at Zion at 12:00PM. All of the Lent midweek services will be at noon also. Please mark your calendars.

**Zion's Bible Study** will meet this Monday at 9am. Everyone is welcome to join us!

**Sunday School** will begin meeting each Saturday from 3:45 – 4:45, starting on February 3, for children age 4 through junior high. Come and learn about Jesus!

**From Pastor Boehne** Please call me if you or someone you know is in the hospital or can't make it to Church for any reason. If you need prayers, please call me. I plan to be here at Zion every Saturday by 4pm so that any of you can come early to talk to me if needed. I can also be available before or after Bible study on Monday mornings if you call or text me. **309-361-7578**

## Daniel 9:2-10

<sup>2</sup> [In those days:] I, Daniel, perceived in the books the number of years that, according to the word of the Lord to Jeremiah the prophet, must pass before the end of the desolations of Jerusalem, namely, seventy years.

<sup>3</sup> Then I turned my face to the Lord God, seeking him by prayer and pleas for mercy with fasting and sackcloth and ashes. <sup>4</sup> I prayed to the Lord my God and made confession, saying, "O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, <sup>5</sup> we have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from your commandments and rules. <sup>6</sup> We have not listened to your servants the prophets, who spoke in your name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land. <sup>7</sup> To you, O Lord, belongs righteousness, but to us open shame, as at this day, to the men of Judah, to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to all Israel, those who are near and those who are far away, in all the lands to which you have driven them, because of the treachery that they have committed against you. <sup>8</sup> To us, O Lord, belongs open shame, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against you. <sup>9</sup> To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against him <sup>10</sup> and have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God by walking in his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets.

## 1 Corinthians 9:24 – 10:4

<sup>24</sup> [Brethren:] Do you not know that in a race all the runners compete, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. <sup>25</sup> Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. <sup>26</sup> So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. <sup>27</sup> But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

<sup>1</sup> I want you to know, 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.

## Matthew 20:1-16

<sup>1</sup> [At that time Jesus spoke this parable to His disciples:] "For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup> After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup> And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, <sup>4</sup> and to them he said, 'You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.' <sup>5</sup> So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. <sup>6</sup> And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' <sup>7</sup> They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too.' <sup>8</sup> And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.' <sup>9</sup> And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. <sup>10</sup> Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. <sup>11</sup> And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, <sup>12</sup> saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' <sup>13</sup> But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? <sup>14</sup> Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. <sup>15</sup> Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?' <sup>16</sup> So the last will be first, and the first last."

## SERMON ON DANIEL 9:2-10



Daniel Prays and Gabriel Brings Answer

# “TURN YOUR FACE TO HOME”

### Sermon Outline

1. Daniel & Us – Never at home in this world
2. The “Seventy Years” Explained (v. 2)
  - a. 70 years of Babylonian Captivity; Daniel’s personal 70 years; 70 weeks (9:24) until Messiah; 70 days until Easter
3. Daniel turns his face to Home and prays instead of grumbling.
  - a. See his prayer in v. 4-10.
4. To God belongs majesty and mercy; to us belongs open shame.
5. Keep turning your face to Home by praying, hearing His Word, receiving His forgiveness, and turning away from Babylon.

## SEPTUAGESIMA EXPLAINED – THE 70 DAYS BEFORE EASTER

The following is all excerpted from Stefan Gramenz  
on [lutheranmissal.home.blog](http://lutheranmissal.home.blog)

Septuagesima is related to the Latin word for “Seventy,” and is roughly seventy days before Easter. This season of the Church’s year recalls the Biblical account of the seventy-year captivity and exile in Babylon....Perhaps the most poignant picture of this period of captivity is found in Psalm 137:

*“By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down, yea, we wept when we remembered Zion. We hanged our harps upon the willows in the midst thereof  
For there they that carried us away captive required of us a song;  
and they that wasted us required of us mirth, saying, Sing us one of the songs of Zion. How shall we sing the Lord’s song in a strange land? – Ps. 137:1-4*

In the 70 days following Septuagesima, including the 40 days of Lent, we join with these Israelites in “hanging up our harps.” As we begin to turn our faces toward Jerusalem and Holy Week, we recognize that we are, like those Israelites, not truly at home in this world beset by sin. In recognition, we set aside our Alleluias as well as the song of the angels, the Gloria in Excelsis, while we wait for the resurrection of Our Lord and the undoing of sin.

Question - If the Alleluia and Gloria in excelsis have already been left behind in Septuagesima, if we’re already wearing violet, then what, exactly, differentiates Septuagesima from Lent?

The simple answer is that there isn’t all that much of a difference in externals....The character of Septuagesima isn’t quite as much a spirit of outright penitence as Lent. Septuagesima instead tends toward simplification in preparation for the arduous forty days of Lent. The Alleluia and Gloria are quieted, the preface is reduced in length, and the Wednesday[s]...continue on their normal course. When Lent arrives, however, the services of the church become more elaborate, and, in a way, almost extravagantly penitential.

### **NEXT SATURDAY - February 3, 2024**

Sunday of the Sower and the Seed

Isaiah 55:10-13; \*2 Cor. 11:19—12:9; Luke 8:4-15

Hymns: 904, 861, 728, 921

Next Saturday we’ll especially look at 2 Corinthians 12 and God’s purposes in giving afflictions to Christians.

