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QUINQUAGESIMA

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ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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, mercifully hear our prayers and having set us free from the bonds of our sins deliver us from every evil; 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, Katie Jones, Rick Salz, Bill Simmons, Andy Volker, Cindy Volker, and Ken Welch.

THIS WEEK AT ZION AND ST. PAUL'S:

TODAY (SATURDAY)	Zion 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
MONDAY	Zion Bible class	9:00AM
SATURDAY	Zion 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: 24 Holy Communion: 18 Offering: \$1,970 Building Fund: \$150

Sunday School: 4 Sunday School Offering: \$12 Bible class: 7 (Zion needs about \$1,157 in weekly offerings to cover expenses)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Ash Wednesday, the start of Lent, is this Wednesday, February 14. Worship service that day will be at 12:00PM. All of the Lent midweek services will be at noon each week. Please mark your calendars. This week's sermon for Ash Wednesday will be on 2 Peter 1:2-11 under the theme "Lent with Jesus". The hymns will be #609, 611, and 550.

Zion's Bible Study will meet this Monday at 9am (picking up at Matthew 25:1). Join us!

Sunday School is meeting each Saturday from 3:45 – 4:45 for children age 4 through junior high. Come and learn about Jesus!

Pastor Gruden will be our preacher next Saturday, February 17 for the First Sunday in Lent. If you need to reach Pastor Boehne for any reason such as a hospital visit, prayers, shut-in visit, or anything else, please call him at **309-361-7578**.

Weekly Church Emails If you're not getting the weekly email, then please make sure we have your email address. You can send it to: zionlutheranwenona@gmail.com

1 Samuel 16:1-13

[In those days:] The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul, since I have rejected him from being king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go. I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." ² And Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' ³ And invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do. And you shall anoint for me him whom I declare to you." ⁴ Samuel did what the Lord commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, "Do you come peaceably?" 5 And he said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord. Consecrate yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice." And he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶ When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is before him." 7 But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." ⁸ Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." 9 Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." 10 And Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen these." 11 Then Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but behold, he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and get him, for we will not sit down till he comes here." ¹² And he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. And the Lord said, "Arise, anoint him, for this is he." 13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of the Lord rushed upon David from that day forward. And Samuel rose up and went to Ramah.

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

¹[Brethren:] If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I

am nothing. ³ If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

⁴Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. ⁷Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. ¹²For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

¹³So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

Luke 18:31-43

³¹ [At that time:] Taking the twelve, Jesus said to them, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished.

³²For he will be delivered over to the Gentiles and will be mocked and shamefully treated and spit upon. ³³And after flogging him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise." ³⁴But they understood none of these things. This saying was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said.

³⁵As he drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. ³⁶And hearing a crowd going by, he inquired what this meant. ³⁷They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." ³⁸And he cried out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ³⁹And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁰And Jesus stopped and commanded him to be brought to him. And when he came near, he asked him, ⁴¹"What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me recover my sight." ⁴²And Jesus said to him, "Recover your sight; your faith has made you well." ⁴³And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

SERMON ON 1 SAMUEL 16:1-13



DAVID ANOINTED AT BETHLEHEM.

"THE LORD SEES THE WHOLE PICTURE MORE CLEARLY"

Theme: As we prepare to enter Lent, we're reminded that God sees everything ahead of us perfectly (even when we don't). He saw the cross and the victory that Jesus would win in suffering. In the same way, He saw that David, not Saul, would be His King and the Son of David, Jesus Christ, would be King of kings forever and ever.

Sermon Notes on 1 Samuel 16

Samuel couldn't see God's bigger picture. He grieved the way things were as we often do. But God always sees His King and His plan.

1 Sa. 16:1 "The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul, since I have rejected him from being king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go." David was the anointed but suffering King. For a long time Saul hunted him down to kill him. Jesus also is the **Son of David**, the Suffering King who was rejected by us and the world. The rulers of this world continue to reject Him as King.

16:2 Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears it, he will kill me."

The Lord sees everything more clearly than us. He saw the heart of David who would be a "king after His own heart". Jesus, the Son of David, also saw to the heart of everything including His suffering, death, and resurrection. He continues to see the heart of every one of us and teaches us not to judge by outward appearances.

16:6-7 When they came, Samuel looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is before him." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart."

God promised David that one of his descendants would establish the throne forever. This Son of David, Jesus Christ, now sits on the throne as our Forever King. God help us to see the Son of David as our King forever!

16:12b "And the Lord said, "Arise, anoint him, for this is he."

Peter's Sermon on Pentecost Day – Acts 2:29-32

""Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses.