

**SERMON:** St. Luke 5:1-11

<sup>1</sup> One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, with the people crowding around him and listening to the word of God, <sup>2</sup> he saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. <sup>3</sup> He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat.

<sup>4</sup> When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch."

<sup>5</sup> Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets."

<sup>6</sup> When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. <sup>7</sup> So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.

<sup>8</sup> When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" <sup>9</sup> For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, <sup>10</sup> and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners.

Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will catch men." <sup>11</sup> So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him. (NIV)

**TAKE THE LORD AT HIS WORD**

*I. When he offers "foolish" instruction*

*II. When he makes "ridiculous" promises*

**Zion**

Evangelical Lutheran Church and School  
The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany of our Lord  
February 7, 2010

# Zion

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**Divine Services**  
8:00 and 10:30AM

**Bible Study (Youth and Adult)  
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9:20AM

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Reaching out with the message of forgiveness through Jesus Christ.  
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## Fifth Sunday after Epiphany February 7, 2010

*The Lord has done many amazing and surprising things. At the top of the list is his willingness to take on flesh to live and die for sinners, who deserve only punishment. But the Lord's amazing grace didn't stop at our redemption. He also gives us the privilege of participating in the work of his kingdom, enabling us to announce the good news of Christ to a world in darkness. He uses us, as his instruments, to gather his people and give them everlasting life.*

**OUR  
FOCUS**

**Welcome** to all who have gathered to hear God's Word! May the Holy Spirit work through the Word that you hear to lead you to trust completely in Jesus, your Savior. A special welcome to our visitors. We are happy to have you with us and hope that you will come again soon. Contact the pastor or one of the ushers if you have questions about the service or the congregation.

**A nursery is available downstairs**, should you find it necessary to take your child out of the service. We are glad for the sound of young voices, but we also understand that parents may be a little more sensitive to the noise their children make. The service is available downstairs via closed-circuit television. There are also toys available.

## *This Week at Zion*

- Today:** Divine Service with Holy Communion at 8:00 and 10:30AM  
Bible Study and Sunday School at 9:20AM  
Voters' Meeting at 12:00PM
- Monday:** Public School Confirmation Class at 4:00PM  
Bible Readers' Group at 7:00PM (Parts 2-9)
- Tuesday:** Church Council Meeting at 6:30PM
- Wednesday:** Adult Choir Practice at 7:30PM
- Thursday:** Bible Information Class at 7:00PM  
Handbell Choir Practice at 7:30PM
- Friday:** School Chapel at 8:30AM  
CLAL Basketball Tournament/RMLHS Invitational at RMLHS
- Saturday:** CLAL Basketball Tournament/RMLHS Invitational at RMLHS
- Next Sunday:** Divine Service at 8:00 and 10:30AM  
Bible Study (Youth and Adult) and Sunday School at 9:20AM  
Confirmation Parent Meeting at 11:45AM

## *The Lord willing!*

Worshipping the Savior of the Nations  
on the Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany of our Lord - **209**

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mailbox. The same information is posted on the pillar in the southwest corner of the narthex. Direct questions to Kevin Borgmann.

### Spaghetti Dinner

The School Support Committee's Annual Spaghetti Dinner, with silent auction, is scheduled for Friday, February 26, beginning at 6:00pm. Proceeds from the dinner and silent auction will benefit the Grant-In-Aid Fund, which is used to assist those that desire a Christian education for their children but face financial challenges.

If you would be willing to make a basket for the auction, please contact Kathy Gustafson at Kathyg@q.com or 303-988-3668.

### Ministry Anniversary

Save the date! On Sunday, March 7, in a 2:30pm service here, we will give thanks to the Lord of the Church for the blessings that he has poured out upon, and through, the ministry of Mr. Michael Schaefer, currently serving at Rocky Mountain Lutheran High School (RMLHS). Instead of doing what everyone else does—celebrating a twenty-fifth anniversary during the twenty-fifth year of ministry is awfully cliché, isn't it?—we have decided to celebrate it during his twenty-seventh year. A short program in the fellowship hall, complete with appetizers and refreshments, will follow the service. Look for additional details in the

coming weeks.

### Altar Flowers 2010

The altar flower committee has prepared new cards for the flower chart (located on the southernmost sanctuary door) for 2010. Please think about dates on which you would be willing to provide flowers for the altar and sign up in the coming weeks. You may either purchase the flowers yourself and bring them or you may have the flower committee make the arrangements.

### Preparing for Next Week

On the final Sunday in the season of Epiphany, we remember how the Lord revealed his glory to his disciples in a miraculous way, as he was transfigured in their presence. He revealed his power as God to help us properly understand his suffering and death—he freely chose to endure the crucifixion. Prepare for the Transfiguration of our Lord by reading Exodus 34:29-35; 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2; and St. Luke 9:28-36 (sermon lesson).

### Church Cleaning

Thanks to those who will volunteer their time, energy, and skill to clean the church in the coming weeks: Mark and Ruth Boche and Kevin and Tracy Borgmann (second weekend in February) and Lois Brick and Scott and Nina Rowell (third weekend). Please contact the office to secure a key and to schedule a cleaning time.

### WORSHIP NOTES

**Order of Service:** The Service of Word and Sacrament (*Christian Worship*, page 26)

**Hymns:** 573, 280, 570, 560

**Organist:** Mrs. Debbie Blumer

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you sent your one and only Son as the Word of life for our eyes to see and our ears to hear. Help us believe what the Scriptures proclaim about him and do the things that are pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



### FIRST LESSON

Judges 13:6-24  
(page 289)

*The pre-incarnate Christ appeared to Samson's parents, promising to give them a son through whom he would deliver Israel from their enemies. That special child was to spend his entire life in service to the Lord and his people.*

### SECOND LESSON

Romans 10:13-17  
(page 1415)

*The Lord reveals in his Word that the way in which he will bring people to faith is through the proclamation of the good news of Christ. He gives his people the privilege of being his messengers and his instruments in creating faith in hearts.*

### VERSE OF THE DAY

St. Matthew 4:23 (NIV)

Alleluia. Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." Alleluia.

### HOLY GOSPEL

St. Luke 5:1-11  
(page 1294)

*By a miraculous catch of fish, the Lord Jesus demonstrated his power and led Peter, James, and John to a recognition of the power of his Word. He called them to full-time discipleship, with the promise that he would use them as "fishers of men."*

# Zion News and Notes

## Flowers

The flowers on the altar this morning have been presented to the glory of God in loving memory of Paul Schmidt by Pearl Schmidt and Pauline King.

## Voters' Meeting

The voters will meet today, at noon, for the annual meeting. Included on the agenda for this meeting is the election of officers (specifically, Elder, President, Chairman of the Board of Property, and Council Member-at-Large) to three-year terms. In addition to reports, a budget update will be given. As with each voters' assembly, time will be allotted for an open forum near the beginning of the meeting. All voting members of the congregation are encouraged to participate.

## Loving God with All Your Mind

Those who ordered copies of *Loving God with All Your Mind: Thinking as a Christian in a Post-Modern World* should have found their book, along with an invoice, in their church mailbox. (Please put any payments in the box outside the office manager's door.)

All are welcome to join in a group discussion of this book on Friday, February 19, at 7:00pm. Participants should be ready to discuss the first two parts of the book (up to page 94).

## E-Newsletter

The latest issue of the *Zion Update* should have been in your e-mail inbox on Wednesday morning. If you did not receive it, please put your e-mail address in the Friendship Register or contact the office. If you normally receive a

printed copy in your church mailbox but didn't find it there this time (or vice versa), we apologize. A substitute distributed the copies.

Additional copies of the *Update* are available on the Bible rack. Direct comments or suggestions about the *Update* to Pastor Treptow.

## Solid Education Foundation

The Solid Education Foundation, which provides financial assistance to families who are committed to Christian education at WELS schools in Colorado, New Mexico, and Utah, is hosting their annual Chili Cook-Off in conjunction with the grade school basketball tournament on Friday, February 12, and Saturday, February 13. Come and support Zion's volunteer chili chef, Jody Behnke, and this great cause! Donations are being matched by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. If you cannot make it, you can still submit a gift to support their work. Go to their website ([www.thesolideducationfoundation.org](http://www.thesolideducationfoundation.org)) for more information.

## Forty Days of Lent

The forty days of Lent begin with Ash Wednesday on February 17. On Ash Wednesday we remember our mortality ("*ashes to ashes, dust to dust*") and our desperate need for the Lord's grace. A service at 7:00pm that evening will begin our walk to Calvary's cross.

The services on the following Wednesdays will fit under the theme, "We Preach Christ Crucified." Pastors of the area congregations will exchange pulpits for these forty-minute services.

## Lenten Suppers

A Lenten supper, at 5:45pm, will precede each of the mid-week 7:00pm Lenten services, beginning with Ash Wednesday. A sign-up sheet has been posted on the pillar in the southwest corner of the narthex for those willing to prepare a supper.

For the last several years, soup has been the only menu option for these suppers. That "restriction" has been lifted. You are welcome to prepare a different meal if you wish. Keep in mind that you will serve fifty to sixty people and dessert will still be provided by those volunteering on the sign-up sheet. If you have any questions about the suppers, please contact Anne Saggau in the church office.

## Church Retreat

The Board of Outreach is organizing a congregational retreat on July 30 and 31 at Snow Mountain Ranch in Granby. There will be some organized activities and also free time for participants to use as they wish. A service will be held on Saturday evening at the retreat site. Please make your own reservations at your earliest convenience, as spaces quickly fill up. You should have found information about the retreat in your