

SERMON: Joshua 7:16-26

¹⁶ Early the next morning Joshua had Israel come forward by tribes, and Judah was taken. ¹⁷ The clans of Judah came forward, and he took the Zerahites. He had the clan of the Zerahites come forward by families, and Zimri was taken. ¹⁸ Joshua had his family come forward man by man, and Achan son of Carmi, the son of Zimri, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, was taken.

¹⁹ Then Joshua said to Achan, "My son, give glory to the LORD, the God of Israel, and give him the praise. Tell me what you have done; do not hide it from me."

²⁰ Achan replied, "It is true! I have sinned against the LORD, the God of Israel. This is what I have done: ²¹ When I saw in the plunder a beautiful robe from Babylonia, two hundred shekels of silver and a wedge of gold weighing fifty shekels, I coveted them and took them. They are hidden in the ground inside my tent, with the silver underneath."

²² So Joshua sent messengers, and they ran to the tent, and there it was, hidden in his tent, with the silver underneath. ²³ They took the things from the tent, brought them to Joshua and all the Israelites and spread them out before the LORD.

²⁴ Then Joshua, together with all Israel, took Achan son of Zerah, the silver, the robe, the gold wedge, his sons and daughters, his cattle, donkeys and sheep, his tent and all that he had, to the Valley of Achor. ²⁵ Joshua said, "Why have you brought this trouble on us? The LORD will bring trouble on you today."

Then all Israel stoned him, and after they had stoned the rest, they burned them. ²⁶ Over Achan they heaped up a large pile of rocks, which remains to this day. Then the LORD turned from his fierce anger. Therefore that place has been called the Valley of Achor ever since. (NIV)

**DON'T BELIEVE
THE DEVIL'S COMPELLING LIES!**

Zion

Evangelical Lutheran Church and School

The First Sunday in Lent

February 21, 2010

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Divine Services
8:00 and 10:30AM

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

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Reaching out with the message of forgiveness through Jesus Christ.
Holding on to God's unchanging Word.

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The old evil foe constantly lies to us. Though he presents himself as "in our corner" and "on our side," he is on no one's side but his own.

Because the devil often leads us to believe his lies and reject God's truth, Jesus had to take our place. Because he resisted the devil's temptations, Jesus could take our place on the cross, die for our sins, and give us the righteousness we need to stand before God.

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. During the second service, the nursery will be staffed. 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.

OUR
FOCUS

This Week at Zion

- Today:** Divine Service with Holy Communion at 8:00 and 10:30AM
Bible Study (Adult and Youth) and Sunday School at 9:20AM
Public School Confirmation Class at 12:00PM
- Monday:** Bible Readers' Group at 7:00PM (Parts 13-19)
Ladies' Home Bible Study at 7:00PM (at the Boelter home)
- Tuesday:** Board Meetings at 6:30PM
- Wednesday:** Kindred Spirits Bible Study at 10:00AM
Soup Supper at 5:45PM
Mid-week Lenten Service at 7:00PM
Adult Choir Practice at 7:50PM
- Thursday:** Pastor Treptow leaves for Synodical Council Meeting
Handbell Choir Practice at 7:30PM
- Friday:** School Chapel at 8:30AM
Public School Confirmation at 4:00PM (in the computer lab)
Annual Spaghetti Dinner with Silent Auction at 6:00PM
- Saturday:** Pastor Treptow returns from Synodical Council Meeting
- Next Sunday:** Divine Service at 8:00 and 10:30AM
Bible Study (Adult and Youth) and Sunday School at 9:20AM
RMLHS Federation Meeting at 3:00PM

The Lord willing!

Worshipping Christ, who willingly put aside the full use of his power to rescue us,
on the Transfiguration of our Lord - **166**

Offered out of love to the Willing Servant - **\$6,504.00**
(General Fund - \$6,629.00)

Coming before the Lord in repentance on Ash Wednesday - **130**
Given in response to the Lord's gracious forgiveness - **\$1,054.00**

will continue to serve at RMLHS. We give thanks to the Lord of the Church for these ministers of the gospel and pray the Lord's richest blessings on their labors in this important ministry to teens!

WELS Basketball Tournament

The annual WELS Area Basketball Tournament will be held on Saturday, March 13, at the St. Charles Recreation Center (3777 Lafayette Street, Denver). The cost per team is \$50. If you are interested in participating, please sign up on the sheet posted on the pillar in the northeast corner of the narthex. The deadline to sign up is March 5.

Ministry Anniversary

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.

In order to help in the planning process,

please sign up on the sheet posted in the southeast corner of the narthex if you are planning to attend.

RMLHS Federation Activity

Friday, March 12, has been chosen as the date for the annual RMLHS Federation activity night. All are invited to an evening of square dancing/line dancing that will begin at 7:00pm at the high school (11700 Irma Drive). A sign-up sheet has been posted on the pillar in the northeast corner of the narthex for those interested in attending.

Preparing for Next Week

In the early stages of his ministry, Jesus enjoyed great popularity. That didn't last. When he didn't fit their notions of what the Messiah ought to be or do, many rejected him. That rejection, however, never sidetracked the Savior from his plan to rescue sinners by his innocent suffering and death. Prepare for the Second Sunday in Lent by reading Jeremiah 26:8-15 (sermon lesson); Philippians 3:17-4:1; and St. Luke 13:31-35.

Church Cleaning

Thanks to those who will volunteer their time, energy, and skill to clean the church in the coming weeks: Gary and Alyce Schlomer and Jeff and Sandi Balmer (last weekend in February) and Randy and Stacey Currier and Anthony and Alice Darden (first weekend in March).

WORSHIP NOTES

Order of Service: The Common Service (*Christian Worship, page 15*)

Hymns: 385, 200, 359, 477

Organist: Mrs. Debbie Blumer

Kindergarten-Grade 2 Choir: I Sing as I Arise Today (second service)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord our strength, the battle of good and evil rages within and around us, and our ancient foe tempts us with his deceits and empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your Word, and when we fall, raise us up again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



FIRST LESSON

Joshua 7:16-26

(page 249)

Achan yielded to temptation, taking for himself some of the plunder of Jericho, in direct defiance of the Lord's command to devote everything to him. By his sin, Achan brought harm on the nation and also upon himself.

SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 4:14-16

(page 1493)

Jesus, our perfect Substitute, faced every temptation in our place. Where we have yielded, he resisted. As a reward for his perfect service on our behalf, he sits at the right hand of God and intercedes for us.

VERSE OF THE DAY

St. Matthew 4:10b (NIV)

It is written: "Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only."

HOLY GOSPEL

St. Luke 4:1-13

(page 1292)

Jesus began his ministry by battling with the devil, who tempted Jesus to pursue his own goals. Each time Jesus used God's Word to defeat Satan. Jesus' victory over Satan started here and ended in complete and total victory on the cross. Thanks be to God for our champion, the Lord Jesus Christ!

Zion News and Notes

“We Preach Christ Crucified”

During the season of Lent we have an additional opportunity to gather around the Word and worship our Savior. Each Wednesday evening, at 7:00pm, we will consider the passion of our Savior 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. A sign-up sheet has been posted on the pillar in the southwest corner of the narthex for those willing to prepare a supper. Several dessert spots, as well as the March 3 Lenten supper spot (prepare and serve), remain unfilled. Please consider signing up and helping out in this way.

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 sixty to seventy people and dessert will still be provided by those volunteering on the sign-up sheet. If you have any questions, please contact Anne Saggau in the office.

Ladies’ Home Bible Study

Ladies’ Home Bible Study will meet at the home of Leoda Boelter (1670 S. Raritan Street) on Monday, February 22, at 7:00pm. The ladies will continue their study of Dr. Luther’s Large Catechism, focusing specifically on his explanation of the Ten Commandments. All women of the congregation are invited. Direct any questions to Ruth Boche at 303-989-3203.

Bible Study Opportunity

One of the Kindred Spirits groups has been meeting monthly for Bible study, typically on the final Wednesday of the month. For the last several months they have been considering the Sacraments that the Lord graciously instituted for his church. All are invited to participate in this month’s study on the proper reception of Holy Communion. The study begins at 10:00am, on Wednesday, February 24, in the fellowship hall. Participants are asked to use the front entrance of the church or the entrance to the fellowship hall located between the buildings.

Pastor Treptow’s Travels

Pastor Treptow will be flying to Milwaukee on Thursday afternoon in connection with his role as pastor-at-large on the Synodical Council. The Synodical Council, which oversees the work of the synod and carries out the direction given by the synod in convention, will be meeting on Friday and Saturday, with a sub-committee meeting on Thursday evening. He will return, Lord willing, Saturday evening.

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.

All are invited. A suggested donation of \$5 per person (or \$20 for family) will help defray the cost of the meal. Please sign up on the sheet posted on the pillar in the northwest corner of the narthex if you plan to attend, to help those preparing the meal to provide an adequate amount of food.

Some of the baskets for the silent auction are on display on the south end of the fellowship hall. If you would be willing to make a basket for the auction, please contact Kathy Gustafson at Kathyg@q.com or 303-988-3668.

Women of Zion

The Women of Zion will be meeting on Tuesday, March 2, at 7:00pm. Names for nomination of President-Elect and Treasurer will be considered. Hostesses for the evening are Reba Schaller and Anne Saggau. All women of the congregation are invited to participate. If you prefer not to drive at night and would appreciate a ride, please contact Anne Saggau at 303-932-6162.

RMLHS News

Miss Kari Munte, who had been serving in a one-year Call, has accepted a Call to serve on the Rocky Mountain Lutheran High School (RMLHS) faculty permanently. Miss Kelly Presser recently returned a Call to Doral, Florida, and