

SERMON: Jeremiah 26:8-15

⁸ But as soon as Jeremiah finished telling all the people everything the LORD had commanded him to say, the priests, the prophets and all the people seized him and said, "You must die!"
⁹ Why do you prophesy in the LORD's name that this house will be like Shiloh and this city will be desolate and deserted?" And all the people crowded around Jeremiah in the house of the LORD.

¹⁰ When the officials of Judah heard about these things, they went up from the royal palace to the house of the LORD and took their places at the entrance of the New Gate of the LORD's house. ¹¹ Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and all the people, "This man should be sentenced to death because he has prophesied

against this city. You have heard it with your own ears!"

¹² Then Jeremiah said to all the officials and all the people: "The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the things you have heard. ¹³ Now reform your ways and your actions and obey the LORD your God. Then the LORD will relent and not bring the disaster he has pronounced against you. ¹⁴ As for me, I am in your hands; do with me whatever you think is good and right. ¹⁵ Be assured, however, that if you put me to death, you will bring the guilt of innocent blood on yourselves and on this city and on those who live in it, for in truth the LORD has sent me to you to speak all these words in your hearing." (NIV)

IT WON'T BE EASY

I. Because the message is unwelcome

II. But you aren't alone

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Evangelical Lutheran Church and School

The Second Sunday in Lent

February 28, 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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"Many live as enemies of the cross of Christ." Just as Jesus himself faced opposition, so have all who have carried out the task of proclaiming God's Word to the world. We, too, may well experience rejection and ridicule when we faithfully speak his Word. Yet, even in the face of difficulty, we do not quit, for the Lord is with us and gives us strength to endure. Who can stand against us when the Lord stands with us?



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.

This Week at Zion

- Today:** 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
- Monday:** Bible Readers' Group at 7:00PM (Parts 18-24)
- Tuesday:** Women of Zion at 6:30PM
Budget Committee Meeting at 7:00PM
- Wednesday:** Soup Supper at 5:45PM
Mid-week Lenten Service at 7:00PM
Adult Choir Practice at 7:50PM
- Thursday:** Handbell Choir Practice at 7:30PM
- Friday:** No School
Public School Confirmation at 4:00PM
- Saturday:** Fine Arts Day at RMLHS at 9:00AM
- Next Sunday:** Divine Service with Holy Communion at 8:00 and 10:30AM
Bible Study (Adult and Youth) and Sunday School at 9:20AM
Anniversary Service for Michael Schaefer at 2:30PM (with reception following the service)

The Lord willing!

Worshipping Christ, who resisted every temptation in our place,
on the First Sunday in Lent - **195**

Offered out of love to the Perfect Servant - **\$6,602.50**
(General Fund - \$6,502.50)

Gathered at the foot of the cross for the Mid-week service - **79**
Given in response to the Lord's gracious forgiveness - **\$610.00**

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

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 afternoon/evening at the retreat site. Please make your own reservations at your earliest convenience, as spaces quickly fill up. Information about the retreat can be found on the pillar in the northwest corner of the narthex. Direct questions to Kevin Borgmann.

RMLHS Federation Activity

Friday, March 12, has been chosen as the date for the annual Rocky Mountain Lutheran High School 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 in Northglenn). A sign-up sheet has been posted on the pillar in the northeast corner of the narthex for those interested in attending.

RMLHS Garage Sale

Rocky Mountain Lutheran High School will hold its first annual Garage Sale on Saturday, April 17, at 8:00am. The sale will be in the parking lot of

Lord of Life Lutheran Church (12021 Northhaven Circle in Thornton). Proceeds from the garage sale will benefit the ministry to teens at RMLHS.

Donations can be brought to Lord of Life on the morning of the sale, beginning at 7:00am. Prior to the sale, donations may be dropped off at the home of Rick Lohmiller (12474 Albion Street in Thornton). To make a donation, please contact Mary Peterson at 303-910-2891 or sammydog30@hotmail.com.

Preparing for Next Week

At the heart of our journey in Lent is Spirit-worked repentance. As the Spirit leads us to recognize our sin, turn from it, and look to Christ our Savior for forgiveness, he leads us on the narrow road to life; every other road leads to death. Prepare for the Third Sunday in Lent by reading Numbers 16:23-40 (sermon lesson); 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; and St. Luke 13:1-95.

Church Cleaning

Thanks to those who will volunteer their time, energy, and skill to clean the church in the coming weeks: Randy and Stacey Currier and Anthony and Alice Darden (first weekend in March) and Mike and Dana Duffy and Bernie and Cindy Dull (second weekend).

WORSHIP NOTES

Order of Service: Morning Praise
(*Christian Worship*, page 45)

Hymns: 434, 452

Organist: Mrs. Julianne Hardinger

Adult Choir: *Jesu, Priceless Treasure*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you see that we have no power to defend ourselves. Guard and keep us both outwardly and inwardly from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 26:8-15
(page 987)

Jeremiah, a prophet of the Lord, faced persecution because of the message God told him to proclaim. Yet Jeremiah faithfully spoke the truth, knowing that the Lord would preserve and protect him.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 42-43

(*Christian Worship*, page 82)

We will sing the psalm responsively by verse, with the congregation singing the second, fourth, and sixth verses. All will join in the refrain and the Glory be to the Father.

SECOND LESSON

Philippians 3:17-4:1
(page 1465)

The Apostle reminds us of the hatred that many have for the gospel and for those who proclaim it. Yet we stand firm, because we know the Lord's great power and his precious promise of life.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Philippians 2:8b (NIV)

Jesus humbled himself and became obedient to death, even death on a cross.

HOLY GOSPEL

St. Luke 13:31-35
(page 1312)

The Jews treated Jesus the same way as they did the Lord's prophets: they rejected and killed him. Though he met primarily resistance, he never wavered in his desire for their salvation.

Zion News and Notes

Flowers

The flowers on the altar have been presented to the glory of God by Laura Samuelson in joyful thanksgiving for eighty-seven years of God's grace in the life of her mother, Hildegard Kudsk.

"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 help with the meals, whether in providing soup (or some other main course) or dessert. Please take a look at the sheet and consider helping out in this way. If you have any questions, please contact Anne Saggau in the office.

Spaghetti Dinner

The School Support Committee held their annual Spaghetti Dinner on Friday evening. Thanks to all who attended and demonstrated their support for Christian education. Many thanks to those who gave of their time and talent to make the evening a success.

Zion Update

The latest edition of the *Zion Update*, the

electronic newsletter, should have been in your e-mail inbox on Thursday morning. If you did not receive it, please include your e-mail address in the Friendship Register and you will be included in the next distribution. Extra copies of the newsletter are available on the Bible rack. Please pass along any comments or suggestions regarding the *Update* to Pastor Treptow.

Christian Book Club

The Christian Book Club has chosen its next book for reading and discussion: *The Hammer of God*, by Bo Giertz. This best-selling novel tells the story of three pastors who learn the necessity of relying on God's grace as they fall short in their pastoral duties. If you are interested in purchasing a copy (*whether you intend to participate in the discussion or not*), please sign up on the sheet posted on the pillar in the southwest corner of the narthex by March 14; an order will be made early on March 15. The book costs \$14. The Book Club will begin discussion of this book in late April.

The Book Club will conclude (perhaps!) its discussion of *Loving God with All Your Mind* on Friday, March 19, at 7:00pm. Participants should be ready to discuss pages 77-155.

Women of Zion

The Women of Zion meet on Tuesday, at 6:30pm. Elections of President-Elect

and Treasurer will be conducted. Hostesses for the evening are Reba Schaller and Mary Hagen. 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.

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 in 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

Next 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). Though it's actually his twenty-seventh year of ministry, it will be a celebration of his twenty-fifth anniversary. A short program in the fellowship hall, complete with appetizers and refreshments, will follow the service.

In order to help in the planning process,