

SERMON: Judges 10:6-16 (NIV)

⁶ Again the Israelites did evil in the eyes of the LORD. They served the Baals and the Ashtoreths, and the gods of Aram, the gods of Sidon, the gods of Moab, the gods of the Ammonites and the gods of the Philistines. And because the Israelites forsook the LORD and no longer served him, ⁷ he became angry with them. He sold them into the hands of the Philistines and the Ammonites, ⁸ who that year shattered and crushed them. For eighteen years they oppressed all the Israelites on the east side of the Jordan in Gilead, the land of the Amorites. ⁹ The Ammonites also crossed the Jordan to fight against Judah, Benjamin and the house of Ephraim; and Israel was in great distress. ¹⁰ Then the Israelites cried out to the LORD, "We have sinned

against you, forsaking our God and serving the Baals."

¹¹ The LORD replied, "When the Egyptians, the Amorites, the Ammonites, the Philistines, ¹² the Sidonians, the Amalekites and the Maonites oppressed you and you cried to me for help, did I not save you from their hands? ¹³ But you have forsaken me and served other gods, so I will no longer save you. ¹⁴ Go and cry out to the gods you have chosen. Let them save you when you are in trouble!"

¹⁵ But the Israelites said to the LORD, "We have sinned. Do with us whatever you think best, but please rescue us now." ¹⁶ Then they got rid of the foreign gods among them and served the LORD. And he could bear Israel's misery no longer.

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The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 14, 2010

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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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"Amazing grace," we sing, and rightly so, for if the Lord were to treat us the way our sins deserve, we would know only everlasting suffering. Though we are thoroughly corrupt and demonstrate our sinfulness repeatedly, the Lord chooses to look past our sin and declare us to be his children in Christ. Each day, as we consider what we deserve for our sins and what we have received instead, we find reason for joy and peace.



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.

reliance on ourselves. Prepare for the Fifth Sunday in Lent by reading Isaiah 43:16-24 (sermon lesson); Romans 11:11-21; and St. Luke 20:9-19.

Church Cleaning

Thanks to those who will volunteer their time, energy, and skill to clean the

church in the coming weeks: Paul and Dani Lindholm and David and Pamela Flemming (third weekend in March) and Dennis and Brenda Hanson and Glenda Greene (last weekend). Please contact the office to secure a key and to schedule a cleaning time.

This Week at Zion

- Today:** Divine Service at 8:00 and 10:30AM
Bible Study (Adult and Youth) and Sunday School at 9:20AM
- Monday:** No School
Bible Readers' Group at 7:00PM (Parts 26-31)
- Tuesday:** Elders' Meeting at 7:00PM
- Wednesday:** Lenten 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:** School Chapel at 8:30AM
Public School Confirmation at 4:00PM
Christian Book Club at 7:00PM
- Saturday:** RMLHS Meeting at Zion at 8:00AM
Quilting Fellowship at 9:30AM (computer lab)
- Next Sunday:** 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

The Lord willing!

of this novel (*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 today; an order will be made tomorrow morning. The book costs \$14. The Book Club plans to 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 evening at 7:00pm. Participants should be ready to discuss pages 77-155.

Church Cleaning Day

The Women of Zion will host a church cleaning day on Saturday, March 27, beginning at 9:00am. All members of the congregation are invited and encouraged to attend. Please bring along extra rags, buckets, and general cleaning supplies. The Women of Zion will serve a light lunch after the cleaning is finished. If you have any questions, please direct them to Anne Saggau.

Ladies' Home Bible Study

Ladies' Home Bible Study will meet at Christ Lutheran Church (3460 Humboldt Street in Denver) on Monday, March 29, beginning with an evening meal at 6:00pm. The ladies will continue their study of Luther's explanation of the Ten Commandments in the Large Catechism. All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend. If

you have questions about carpooling or are in need of directions, please contact Kim Neitzke or Ruth Boche.

Easter Lilies

The Women of Zion have purchased nine potted Easter lily plants to beautify the sanctuary for Easter. If you are interested in purchasing a plant, please sign up on the sheet that has been posted on the pillar in the northeast corner of the narthex. The cost is \$9.00 per plant.

LWMS Spring Rally

The Rocky Mountain Circuit of the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS) will hold its annual Spring Rally on Saturday, April 17, at Christ Our Redeemer Lutheran Church (17700 E. Iliff in Aurora), beginning at 9:00am. Anne Press will serve as the guest speaker, presenting on WELS mission work in Thailand.

Mission box offerings are due on Sunday, March 28. Please place your offering box in Pauline King's church mailbox.

Preparing for Next Week

All who are born of sinful parents enter the world thinking that life with God can be acquired by obedience. Leading us to recognize that our works cannot earn a declaration of righteousness from God, the Spirit moves us to cling to Christ instead and put aside any

WORSHIP NOTES

Order of Service: Service of the Word (*Christian Worship*, page 38)

Hymns: 379, 304, 384, 326

Organist: Mrs. Michelle Hardinger

Psalm 115 Pianist: Mr. Ken Saggau

Soloist: Mrs. Anne Saggau

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, we confess that we deserve to be punished for our evil deeds. But we ask you graciously to cleanse us from all sin and to comfort us with your salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



FIRST LESSON

Judges 10:6-16
(page 286)

The people of Israel repeatedly rebelled against the Lord and showed themselves deserving only of his anger. Yet, when they came to him in repentance, he showed them mercy and delivered them from their enemies.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 115
(page 4 in the service folder)

The soloist will initially introduce the refrain and sing the verses of the psalm. The congregation joins in the refrain and the Glory be to the Father.

SECOND LESSON

James 4:7-10
(page 1507)

The Lord who hates rebellion and sin invites all to repent and throw themselves on his mercy, for he delights to lift his people up.

VERSE OF THE DAY

St. John 3:16 (NIV)

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

HOLY GOSPEL

St. Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32
(page 1312)

By means of a parable, Jesus illustrated the Father's boundless love. Even though the prodigal son didn't in any way deserve it, the Father welcomed him with open arms. So the Father treats all who come to him in repentance.

Psalm 115

Refrain



Not un-to us, O Lord, but to your name be the glo - ry.

Psalm Tone



Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us but to your name be the glory,
because of your love and faithfulness.
Why do the nations say, "Where is their God?"
Our God is in heaven; he does whatever pleases him.

The LORD remembers us and will bless us:
He will bless the house of Israel,
he will bless those who fear the LORD—
small and great alike.

Refrain

May the LORD make you increase,
both you and your children.
May you be blessed by the LORD,
the Maker of heaven and earth.

The highest heavens belong to the LORD,
but the earth he has given to man.
It is not the dead who praise the LORD,
it is we who extol the LORD, both now and forevermore.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain

Zion News and Notes

Note of Thanks

Mr. Michael Schaefer sent the following note: "I would like to say a great big 'Thank You' for hosting the celebration of my serving twenty-seven years in the public ministry. I am truly blessed to have lived and served in your midst and to come to know such wonderful brothers and sisters in faith. Your support and encouragement over the years have been greatly appreciated. I'd like to extend special thanks to the many who did so much in planning, coordinating, and carrying out the event. You made it a most memorable day for me. May the Lord continue to bless and keep us all!"

Family Easter Egg Hunt

A Family Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 3, beginning at 10:00am and ending at noon. Many items (e.g. jelly beans, Easter candy, plastic eggs, and hard-boiled eggs) will be needed for the day. Sign up on the sheet posted on the pillar in the northeast corner of the narthex. Many volunteers will also be needed, both in preparation for the event and on the day itself. Volunteer your services to Pastor Treptow.

We are hoping to distribute flyers in the area inviting people to the Easter Egg Hunt and Easter services. Those flyers will be ready by Friday, March 19. Please consider donating a couple of hours of your time to help deliver these invitations. Group distribution of flyers is scheduled for Saturday, March 20, beginning at 9:30am, and at that same time on Saturday, March 27. If you are willing to help deliver invitations, please speak with Vicar Krieger, who will be coordinating the distribution.

Easter Breakfast

The youth group will be serving Easter breakfast this year between the 8:00 and 10:30am services. The youth group is asking members of the congregation to help provide food for the breakfast: breakfast casseroles, sweet breads, fresh fruit, and colored/decorated hard-boiled eggs. Look for the sign-up sheet posted on the pillar in the northeast corner of the narthex if you are willing to help.

Christian Book Club

The Christian Book Club has chosen its next book for reading and discussion: *The Hammer of God*, by Bo Giertz. If you are interested in purchasing a copy