



Zion Lutheran Church

1557 W. Seidler Rd

Auburn, MI 48611

April/May Messenger 2021

The Latin phrase “simul iustus et peccator” is translated as “simultaneously justified and sinner.” It also means: “At the same time righteous and a sinner.” This phrase was something that Martin Luther used to describe the Christian life. He used it to talk about how we live as God’s forgiven people yet still struggle with sin and temptation every day. This struggle that Luther described was nothing new to his time in history. God’s people have always wrestled against sin. We know that we are loved by God because of what Jesus accomplished on Good Friday and Easter. All of our sins have been paid for by Jesus. This is great news for us as we celebrate Holy Week and Easter. Listen to what Martin Luther wrote:

“A Christian is righteous and a sinner at the same time—both a friend and an enemy of God. The philosophers will not admit this paradox because they don't accept the right way of becoming justified. That's why they demanded that people keep on doing good works until they don't feel sin anymore. This caused many people to become very distraught because they were striving as much as they could to become completely righteous but could never achieve it. Even among those who spread this godless teaching, countless numbers of them have fallen into despair in their hour of death. This would have happened to me if Christ hadn't mercifully looked upon me and freed me from this error.

In contrast, we teach and comfort troubled sinners this way: Dear brothers and sisters, it's impossible for you to become so righteous in this life that you won't feel sin anymore. It's impossible for your body to become as bright and spotless as the sun. Though you still have wrinkles and spots, in spite of this, you are holy. But you may wonder, "How can I be holy since I sin and feel sinful?" Recognizing and feeling your sin is good. Thank God, and don't despair. It's a step toward health whenever a sick person recognizes his disease. "But how can I be freed from sin?" Run to Christ, the Physician, who heals the brokenhearted (Psalm 147:3). He makes sinners holy.”

In Christ,

Pastor Hemme

♥ The mission of Zion Lutheran Church is to better know and show Christ's love. ♥

School News

Our church members were able to experience what a “true” snow day means because we had to cancel our original plan to have a drive-thru ice cream social. Because of the snow day, we handed out the ice cream after services on Saturday, February 20, and on Sunday, February 21st. For those in attendance thank you for sharing “Every day is a Sundae” at Zion.

We continued our theme of “Sent to Serve” and applied that to our annual service week. During the week of February 15, 2021, we used our Penny War money raised during Lutheran’s Schools Week to purchase lunches from local businesses. Our idea was to “love thy neighbor” and help locally owned businesses that may have been impacted by the Covid-19 shutdowns. We ordered lunches from Nori’s Restaurant, O’s Pub and Grill, Jolene’s, and Pizza Sams. We also had a desert day serving ice cream from Great Lakes Ice Cream. It was like we were watching our mission come to life, “To Better Show and Know Christ’s Love” in our community.

We also paired up with Iron Grind Coffee House and Flowers from the Heart during service week. Normally we would have parents make treats and we would sell them during service week to donate the money to a charity. This year we worked with these two Auburn businesses to sell their products during the school day and all sales went right back to them. We sold bakery treats for Iron Grind and we did a flower sale for Flowers from the Heart. Students and parents were able to purchase flowers and have them sent to students at the end of the school day. Treats were sold at the beginning of each day. We sold over 600 flowers and over 200 treats, which meant a welcomed little boost in sales for these businesses. They were both so grateful for the gesture made by our school.

March brought us a lot of exciting events; March is Reading Month, Book Fair, Little Cesar Pizza Kit sales, 4th quarter, Spring Break, and Holy Week. TEAM hosted our annual Bookfair the week of March 15th. We had over \$3,000 in sales which means two things; one, lots of books are in our students’ hands, and two, we earned a lot of new books for our classrooms. Our 7th and 8th-grade had their annual Little Caesars Pizza Kits fundraiser sale. This fundraiser helps cover expenses for their class trip or their outdoor education camp. These trips rotate every other year and give our students great opportunities to learn and grow.

We want to thank all the parents that have been active in TEAM this year. We understand our events do not look the same as they have in the past, but our volunteer parents are doing a great job modifying events so the students can still have them. TEAM has created a special Easter celebration in lieu of our regular Easter Egg Hunt. We will have the celebration Maundy Thursday to learn about the events of Holy Week.

Our staff has had a great array of professional development in the last couple of months. Most conferences have been virtual like Teach Your Heart Out and MACUL. We were also blessed to have an in-person conference at our school with CESA 6 educational speaker Ted Neitzke. We have enjoyed expanding our knowledge to use technology in the classrooms, connecting and building student relationships, utilizing differential teaching techniques, team building, and teaching during a pandemic.

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We have not been able to have traditional field trips because of Covid, so teachers have been very creative to give our students special learning opportunities. Mrs. Schnell and her 3rd/4th graders had a virtual field trip with WNEM Meteorologist, John Gross. John did a Zoom call with the class and walked them through a day in the life of a meteorologist. I also did a Facebook live video for part of this virtual field trip if you want to see more.

At this time, we have opened 2021/2022 school registration for currently enrolled students only. We have to continue to monitor what potential Covid-19 guidelines could be set for our 2021/2022 school year. Under current guidelines, spacing and social distancing mandates help determine the number of students in each classroom that we can offer. We continue to strive to offer the best education to as many students as we can, but we must do so with health and safety guidelines first. 2021/2022 registration costs are \$350 and tuition is \$945 a year per student.

We have set our school calendar for the 2021/2022 school year. Orientation will be on Thursday, August 19th, with the first day of school on Monday, August 23rd, and the last day will be Friday, May 27, 2022.

In His service,
Colett Dominowski

Family VBS Night



This year we will be hosting an outdoor evening of fun for the entire family on June 22 from 6:30-8:00pm. Come join us for a fun night of songs, crafts, sweet treats, and learning about God's great love for us. Registration forms and more details will be coming out soon. Children must be accompanied by an adult family member. No student drop-offs this year.

Portals Of Prayer

The July 2021 issue of Portals of Prayer will begin a new year for the direct mail service. If you would like to have the Portals of Prayer delivered to your door, provide your name and address to the church office. If you would like to continue to receive your issues, no action is required unless your address has changed. Cost for a year subscription is \$9.60. We ask that those who are able, submit payment to the church office by April 7th, 2021. You can also put your payment in an envelope with "Portals of Prayer" on the outside and drop it in the offering plate. Please make your check to Zion Lutheran Church.



2021 Confirmation

On Sunday, May 2nd during a special service at 10:30 a.m. five of our young people will make a public profession of faith and a promise of faithfulness to Christ through the rite of Confirmation. May God keep them faithful to their promise.



This year's confirmands are:

Alyssa Crain

Breanna Guoan

Ginger List

Blake Murphy

Molly Riker

Junior Confirmation instruction at Zion. Confirmation marks the opportunity for the individual Christian, relying on God's promise given in Holy Baptism, to make a personal, public confession of the faith and lifelong pledge of fidelity to Christ. Prior to the day of Confirmation, students (also called catechumens) engage in a time of instruction where they learn the primary teachings of the Christian Church as summarized in Martin Luther's Small Catechism.

At Zion, Junior Confirmation preparation generally involves two years of instruction which is completed during seventh and eighth grade. In addition to class work, students are given the opportunity to serve the congregation as ushers and through other service projects. Junior Confirmation classes are taught by Zion's pastors and are held each weekday morning for students in Zion Lutheran School and Sunday evenings for students attending public schools. If you would like more information about enrolling a student in Zion's confirmation program please contact Pastor Hemme.

While Confirmation is not an end to Christian instruction, it does mark a significant milestone in the fulfillment of the Lord's command to make disciples by "teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." Baptismal sponsors are particularly encouraged to make sure that those they sponsored are being taught the faith.

Future Messengers

If you would like to receive future Messengers by email only, please send an email to zionauburn@gmail.com and we will add you to the email only list.



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Holy Week Schedule



**MAUNDY
THURSDAY**

*Good
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Easter Vigil



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April 1st

**Worship w/
Communion
6 PM**

April 2nd

**Worship 9 AM
Service of Darkness
6 PM**

April 3rd

**Easter Vigil
with Communion
5:30 PM**

April 4th

**Sunrise Service w/
Communion
7 AM**

Holy Week Service Sign Up

Signups for Holy Week church services have been sent via email.
You can also call the office at 989-662-4264 to sign up.

**Drive Thru Communion
8:15 AM - 8:45 AM
Worship w/Communion
9 AM**

**Worship w/Communion
10:30 AM**

Office Hours

Fri	02	Office Hours 8 AM—12 PM
Mon	05	Easter Monday— Office Closed—Zion's Spring Break
Tue	06	Office Hours 8 AM—12 PM
Wed	07	Office Hours 8 AM—12 PM
Thur	08	Office Closed
Fri	09	Office Hours 8 AM—12 PM

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Pastors

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Seth Hemme 989-600-5343 Email: pastorhemme@yahoo.com

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



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