

Zion Lutheran Church | Kulm ND | March 30, 2025

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Our mission: We gather in faith to worship Jesus as Lord, grow through grace, and share the good news of Jesus Christ

Our vision: to be a community of faith who follows Christ, loves one another and ministers to the needs of others

April 2, 9 : 5:45 pm supper followed by Lenten services at 6:30 pm. A free will offering will be taken to support the Zion Youth Group. Families are encouraged to come eat, worship and pray together as we journey to the cross. This year's theme is "Stepping Stones through Lent". The service will be in the sanctuary with kids involved and will close with people/families praying together during "Prayer Around the Cross".

April 13: Firefighters Knephla Dinner at the Community Center. Volunteers are needed to provide bars/cookies. Thank you.

April 17: 6:30 Maundy Thursday worship service and first communion (Supper will not be served)

April 18: 6:30 pm Good Friday Community Service at the Congregational Church

Introduction

The psalm sets the tone this day: "Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!" Happy are those who have "become the righteousness of God" in the merits of Christ Jesus. Happy are those for whom the forgiveness of God has "rolled away . . . the disgrace" of former times. Happy is the father at the return of his prodigal son. Happy are we that our sins are forgiven for Jesus' sake. Rejoice!

Psalm 32

¹ Happy are they whose transgressions ¹ are forgiven, and whose sin is ¹ put away!

² **Happy are they to whom the Lord im-¹ putes no guilt, and in whose spirit there ¹ is no guile!**

³ While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, because of my groaning ¹ all day long.

⁴ **For your hand was heavy upon me ¹ day and night; my moisture was dried up as in the ¹ heat of summer.**

⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." Then you forgave me the guilt ¹ of my sin.

⁶ **Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in ¹ time of trouble; when the great waters overflow, they ¹ shall not reach them.**

⁷ You are my hiding-place; you preserve ¹ me from trouble; you surround me with shouts ¹ of deliverance.

⁸ **"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that ¹ you should go; I will guide you ¹ with my eye.**

⁹ Do not be like horse or mule, which have no ¹ understanding; who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will ¹ not stay near you."

¹⁰ **Great are the tribulations ¹ of the wicked; but mercy embraces those who trust ¹ in the Lord.**

¹¹ Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice ¹ in the Lord; shout for joy, all who are ¹ true of heart.