

# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



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*The Sixth Sunday After Epiphany*



# Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church



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## Welcome to worship!

Today is an exciting day for Zion! Today we will be voting to call the next Shepherd of God's people here at Zion. We come together in Christian brotherhood, united in Christ in our Baptisms. We come together in confidence, trusting that the Holy Spirit has guided this process and will guide it as it continues. We come together with the assurance that (as we will explore in our sermon) it is God who gives growth to his church, not his servants. As you prepare for worship this morning, please read this passage about the qualifications for an overseer from 1 Timothy 3.

The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church? He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil.

O Gracious Father, You led Your holy apostles to ordain ministers for the proclamation of Your Word and the faithful administration of the Sacraments of Christ. Grant to this congregation the guidance of the Holy Spirit to choose a suitable pastor according to Your will for the blessing of Your Church in this place; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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**ZION EQUIPS, EDUCATES, AND ENCOURAGES BELIEVERS IN CHRIST, SENDING THEM INTO THE WORLD TO SHARE THE GOSPEL.**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by Wayne & Barb Oechslein in Honor of God's Love for Us and the Klemash Family in Memory of Loved Ones.

**ETERNAL LIGHT** is given to the Glory of God .

**THIS WEEK'S FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE....**is from President Bob Schmidt. 2 Corinthians 5:21 NIV *God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.*

**VICAR'S BOOK OF THE MONTH** for January is Robert Kolb's "The Christian Faith". You can check it out of the Zion library!

**ALL THINGS NEW SESSION 2 TAKEAWAY...**Hardships lead us to **RELY ON GOD.**

**DID YOU KNOW ...** there are no less than 8 Bible Study groups at Zion currently investigating God's Word?! *Faith comes from hearing the message.* (Romans 10:17) Check out the Bible Study Ops poster or flyer and join in!

**OPERATION STARS AND STRIPES... COLLECTION END TODAY!** If you desire, monetary donations can be made to cover postage and remaining needs. Contact Katie Gielarowski with questions. **THANK YOU,** all, for your generous support of our troops! **GOAL EXCEEDED...**details next week!

**USHER SIGN UP SHEET** is in the narthex. We are looking for a few more ushers for our 10:30am service. If you are interested please sign up. Contact Larry Zreliak with any questions.

**WELCOME CENTER!** Are you a guest or visitor looking for information about Zion? Hello and welcome to Zion! Stop by the table in the foyer after the service and we'll try to help.

**CHURCH NURSERY:** Is available for kids age 0-2 during the 10:30 Service! The Nursery ("Little Lions") is open during the late service in the lower level of the building. (If you need help locating the nursery, please ask an Usher or Greeter for assistance.)

**NEED PRAYER?** Stephen Ministers and Elders will be available to pray with or for you following the Service in the Chancel area.

**TODAY'S GOSPEL READING AND SERMON** will be posted to the ZLCB.org website later today. For an archive of older sermons, visit [www.zlcb.org/sermons](http://www.zlcb.org/sermons)

# Service of the Word

Stand

## 586 Preach You the Word

### Invocation

☑ In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

☑ **Amen.**

### Exhortation

☑ Our help is in the name of the Lord,

☑ **who made heaven and earth.**

☑ If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

☑ **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

☑ Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, and call upon Him in prayer and praise, and let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

## 407 Prayer for Forgiveness

Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

### Kyrie

☑ In peace let us pray to the Lord.

☑ **Lord, have mercy; Christ**

☑ For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

☑ **Lord, have mercy**

☑ For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

☑ **Lord, have mercy**

☑ For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

☑ **Lord, have mercy**

☑ Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.

☑ **Lord, have mercy**

## Gloria in Excelsis



- 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

## Collect for The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

*Sit*

## **Old Testament Reading**

## **Deuteronomy 30:15–20**

"See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil.

If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his just decrees then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it.

But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them."

*Stand*

## **941 We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God**

*Sit*

## **Epistle Reading**

## **1 Corinthians 3:1–9**

But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready, for you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way? For when one says, "I follow Paul," and another, "I follow Apollos," are you not being merely human?

What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building.

Stand

## Alleluia and Verse



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Matthew 5:21–37

“You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’ But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire. So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell.

"It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery. And whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

"Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.' But I say to you, Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let what you say be simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything more than this comes from evil.

## **Apostles' Creed**

**☩ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**650 Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling**



Stand

## Prayer of the Church

- Let us pray to the Lord...
- Lord have mercy.

Lord's Prayer      *LSB 209*

- Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

*Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).*

*Please be seated. Following the Offering Music the congregation will stand.*

Sit

## Offering

*If you are visiting with us this morning, know that your presence here means far more to us than any gift of money you could make; please do not hesitate to let the plate pass you by. Please stop by the welcome desk on your way out of church this morning.*

Stand

## Benedicamus

- Let us bless the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

- The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.
- Amen.

## Week of Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> - Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>

<p><b>SUNDAY</b>  2/12</p>	<p>8:00 AM – Worship 9:00 AM – SPECIAL VOTERS MEETING 10:30 AM – Worship 11:45 AM – Teen Girls Bible Study - Seamless 11:45 AM – Children’s Choir</p>
<p><b>MONDAY</b>  2/13</p>	<p>7:00 PM – Confirmation</p>
<p><b>TUESDAY</b></p>	<p>7:15 PM—Women’s Bible Study—All Things New</p>
<p><b>WEDNESDAY</b>  2/15</p>	<p>7:00 PM – Bible Study &amp; Prayer</p>
<p><b>THURSDAY</b>  2/16</p>	<p>10:00 AM – Bible Study 7:00 PM – Adult Choir Practice</p>
<p><b>FRIDAY</b></p>	<p>8:00 PM—Middle School Youth Event @ Zion</p>
<p><b>SATURDAY</b>  2/18</p>	<p>8:00 AM – Men’s Bible Breakfast 9:30 AM—Men’s Choir Practice</p>
<p><b>SUNDAY</b>  2/19</p>	<p>8:00 AM – Worship 9:15 AM – Adult Bible Study &amp; Sunday School 10:30 AM – Worship 11:45 AM – Children’s Choir Practice</p>

### *Service Participants*

Vicar:	Joshua Ulm
Music Director:	Mark Killinger
The Organist:	Douglas Krantz
The Elders:	Peter Fisher & Shane Bryant
The Acolyte:	Matt Liberatore (8:00) Augie Bishop (10:30)
The Greeters:	Wayne & Barbara Oechslein (8:00) John & Katie Gielarowski (10:30)

### **Last Week in Worship**

Sunday Worship Attendance (2/5) - 164

Sunday Offering (2/5) \$3,987.00

~Online giving is now available by going to the Zion web site: [www.zlcb.org](http://www.zlcb.org)~

Operation:  
Bags of Love

♥♥♥  
Help support our  
troops!

Last year, we sent **264** bags of love to American troops in Afghanistan, Korea and Greenland.

**Help make our 5<sup>th</sup> year the BEST EVER**

Your mission? Bring the following items and place in one of the Operation Stars and Stripes collection boxes:

**Ramen Noodles**

**Drink Mix Singles** (Propel, Coffee, etc.)

Snack sized packages of **Granola Bars**

Snack sized packages of **Jerky** or **Slim Jims**

Chewing **Gum**

Gallon-sized **ZipLok** Bags

Other ways you can help:

Monetary donations to help with shipping costs (*make checks payable to Zion Lutheran church and label "OSS"*)

Write a **Letter of Encouragement** to a soldier. Must be written on provided letterhead.

Draw a **Picture** on our Operation: Bags of Love drawing page.

**Pray for our troops.**

Help Sunday school kids assemble items on February 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:15am.

(Letterhead and drawing pages are available in the Narthex, school lobby and on the Sunday school tab at [www.zlcb.org](http://www.zlcb.org).)

**Collections begin Sunday, December 11th**

Thank you for your donations!  
~Zion Lutheran Sunday school

For more information about Operation: Stars and Stripes, Inc., please visit their website at [www.operationstarsandstripes.com](http://www.operationstarsandstripes.com).

Upcoming Middle School  
Youth Group Event



# Duck Tape

A Mix between Hockey and LAX



# Paddle Ball

**When?** Feb. 17  
**Where?** Basement of Zion Lutheran Church  
**Who?** Anyone in Middle Sch.  
**Address?** 3197 Washington Pike  
**Time?** 8-10pm  
**Food?** Pizza!  
**Cost?** \$0

-Bridgeville



SAVE THE DATE!

*Zion Women's Retreat*  
MARCH 17<sup>TH</sup> - 19<sup>TH</sup> AT CAMP PIONEER

Join us for a weekend of Bible Study,  
Fellowship, Games, Food, and Wine!  
Friends welcome!



More information to come!  
Interested? Sign up in the Narthex  
or contact Megan Pasquini!

# ZION WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

**Spring Semester 2017**

For details, please contact Vicar Josh at [vicar@zlcg.org](mailto:vicar@zlcg.org)!

SUNDAY Children's Sunday School 9:15 AM

SUNDAY Youth Sunday School 9:15 AM

SUNDAY Adult Bible Study 9:15 AM

SUNDAY Teen Girls Bible Study 11:45 AM

TUESDAY Women's Bible Study 7:15 PM

WEDNESDAY Bible Study 7:00 PM

THURSDAY Bible Study 10:00 AM

SATURDAY Men's Bible Breakfast 8:00 AM

