

Zion Lutheran Church



13th Sunday After Pentecost
August 23rd, 2015

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Valentino in Memory of parents Angelo & Ruth Valentino & Elmer & Blanche Sheldon and Bernice DeBoe in Memory of her sisters birthdays, Naomi and Bette.

ETERNAL LIGHT is given by Judith Dames in Memory of Frank & Paula Oelschlager..

CHURCH NURSERY: Thanks to everyone who volunteered to help staff a nursery 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.)

M@ZE. The Music @ Zion Experience. Are you interested in using your musical gifts and talents to serve God and his people in worship? Yes? You are? Great! We'll see you at the Crafty Jackalope in downtown Bridgeville on August 26th at 8:30pm. Some of us are getting together to brainstorm the "what ifs" of Zion's Music Ministry. We hope you can make it!

CHILDREN'S CHURCH can use your help! We want to expand Children's Church to twice monthly. If you want to help out with this ministry to our children, please contact Pastor Duncan or the Church Office. We'd love to have you serve!

ZION FANTASY FOOTBALL LEAGUE is FULL. BUT if you would like "in," talk with Pastor Duncan after the service; we can work something out.

YOUTH NEWS: TODAY, right after church, come to the Conference Room for a quick, 5 minute, "Meet Joe and Lindsey Faini / What's happening with the Youth?"

YOUTH NEWS: Zion Youth Blow Dart Battle! Come Meet Joe and try your luck as a Nerf Blow Dart Sniper. There will be food so come hungry!

When? Friday, Aug. 28 Time? 6-8pm Who? Anyone in 6-12 Grade Where? The Church

ADULT CHOIR rehearsals will be on Wednesdays this year (at least to start) after the mid-week service (approx. 7:30-8:30). Our 1st rehearsal will be August 26th in the loft. We are looking to add to our numbers from last year! Do not worry if you can't attend regularly, we can work around just about any schedule! A sign up sheet is located

at the back of the church. See Mark Killinger if you have any questions.

EVENTS COMMITTEE. At last month's Voters' Meeting, the proposal was put forth to form an Events Committee, responsible for events that focus on outreach and fellowship. We will be voting to amend our Church Constitution to give the head of the Events Committee a seat on the Council at the next Voters' meeting. If you would like more information about the Events Committee and the proposed Amendment to the Constitution, please contact the church office.

ROMANS. We will be starting a Bible Study Series on the book of Romans in conjunction with our Wednesday Evening Service of Prayer and Preaching starting in October. We will have child care and a program for the teens. Look for more information in the August Newsletter.

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

Welcome to worship!

This morning, our Back to Basics series takes us to the heart and soul of the Lord's Prayer, the 5th Petition: "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." Last week, we saw that we asked God to provide for our temporal and physical needs in the 4th Petition of the Lord's Prayer ("give us this day our daily bread"); today we will see that we are asking God to provide for all of our spiritual and eternal needs when we ask that he forgives our sins.

This Petition is the heart and soul of the Lord's Prayer because the forgiveness of sins is the heart and soul of the Christian faith. The entire sacrificial system of the Old Testament taught the need for forgiveness. The teaching of Jesus was based on forgiveness. And the message of the Apostles of Jesus was one of forgiveness. Jesus died to bring forgiveness; rose to ensure forgiveness; and will return to make the results of forgiveness manifest.

This morning, we will look at the gift of forgiveness and the responsibility we have to be people who forgive. God bless your time in worship this morning; and don't forget to use the question insert for those things that you... well... have questions about.

Pastor Duncan

Rev. Duncan McLellan, Pastor

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The Divine Service

(Please take a moment to fill out the Attendance books. If you are visiting us this morning, please indicate so in the Attendance Book. We are glad you chose to worship at Zion this morning!)

Introduction to Worship and Announcements

Opening Hymn: O Bless the Lord, My Soul

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The Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Confession of Sins

As you prepare to confess your sins, think back over the last week. The hurtful words, the loveless deeds, and the unhealthy thought you have had and done; and leave them all at the foot of the cross, trusting in Jesus to forgive.

Pastor: Children of God, this morning we will listen to the familiar parable of the Prodigal Son, where we will see the unconditional love the father has for an unlovable son. Seeing in our Heavenly Father the same unconditional love, grace and forgiveness, let us with boldness and confidence confess our sins to him.

People: Almighty God, your Word teaches me to believe that you are a loving and forgiving Heavenly Father. Therefore, trusting in your mercy and grace, I confess to you that I have sinned against you in thought, word and deed. I have not done what I should; I have dishonored you. Forgive me. Lead me to bend my will to that of the Holy Spirit that I might glorify you. I ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Absolution Spoken by the Pastor

People: Amen.

The Prayer of the Church

(Please be seated)

The Baptism of Mason Glasser (10:30)

The Service of the Word

The Old Testament Reading: Genesis 33: 1-11

Jacob looked up and there was Esau, coming with his four hundred men; so he divided the children among Leah, Rachel and the two female servants. He put the female servants and their children in front, Leah and her children next, and Rachel and Joseph in the rear. He himself went on ahead and bowed down to the ground seven times as he approached his brother. But Esau ran to meet Jacob and embraced him; he threw his arms around his neck and kissed him. And they wept. Then Esau looked up and saw the women and children. "Who are these with you?" he asked. Jacob answered, "They are the children God has graciously given your servant." Then the female servants and their children approached and bowed down. Next, Leah and her children came and bowed down. Last of all came Joseph and Rachel, and they too bowed down. Esau asked, "What's the meaning of all these flocks and herds I met?" "To find favor in your eyes, my lord," he said. But Esau said, "I already have plenty, my brother. Keep what you have for yourself." "No, please!" said Jacob. "If I have found favor in your eyes, accept this gift from me. For to see your face is like seeing the face of God, now that you have received me favorably. Please accept the present that was brought to you, for God has been gracious to me and I have all I need." And because Jacob insisted, Esau accepted it.

The New Testament Reading: Hebrews 9:11-14, 23-28

But when Christ came as high priest of the good things that are now already here, he went through the greater and more perfect tabernacle that is not made with human hands, that is to say, is not a part of this creation. He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkled on those who are

ceremonially unclean sanctify them so that they are outwardly clean. How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!

It was necessary, then, for the copies of the heavenly things to be purified with these sacrifices, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made with human hands that was only a copy of the true one; he entered heaven itself, now to appear for us in God's presence. Nor did he enter heaven to offer himself again and again, the way the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood that is not his own. Otherwise Christ would have had to suffer many times since the creation of the world. But he has appeared once for all at the culmination of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself. Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

Pastor: In honor of our Lord Jesus Christ, we rise for the reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 15th Chapter.

People: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Gospel Reading: Luke 15:11-32

Jesus continued: "There was a man who had two sons. The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them.

"Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need.



*Did you know that Zion collects **Box Tops for Education** to support Redeemer Lutheran School, the Pittsburgh area's only K through 12 Lutheran school?*

Redeemer Lutheran School, located in Oakmont and Penn Hills, is a ministry of Redeemer Lutheran Church – LCMS. Redeemer has a staff dedicated to serving the community through excellence in Christian education and a beautiful, former public school building that they purchased in 2012. They value the prayers and support of sister LCMS congregations like Zion.

*So what are **Box Tops for Education**? ... How can they be used to support Redeemer Lutheran School? ... And, what about collecting Box Tops for Zion's Preschool programs???*

We all shop for groceries, sometimes two or three times a week – or more. You can turn those shopping trips into easy cash for Redeemer School! Just look for the Box Tops logo on hundreds of products like Cheerios®, Hamburger Helper® and Kleenex®, in almost every aisle of the store. All you need to do is clip the small Box Top emblem from the packaging, and place them in the plastic container located on the specially marked table in the church fellowship hall. We will periodically send the collected box tops to Redeemer's Box Tops coordinator — each one is worth 10¢ for Redeemer to purchase items needed at the school, or to help lower-income families with tuition!

Unfortunately, Box Tops for Education⁷ are not able to be used in support of preschool programs such as Zion's . . . they may only be used for Kindergarten through 12th grade school programs.



Interested in membership?

Thinking about joining Zion? Contact Pastor Duncan or the church office for information.

Phone: (412) 221-4776 Email:
pastor@zlcb.org or secretary@zlcb.org



Are you interested in Zion's
Bowling League??

The League bowls every other
Friday during the Fall and Winter.

For more information please
contact Janet Oelschlager



Zion Art Show postponed until November.

Read about it in the Upcoming Events listings. Artists, here is an opportunity to work on that piece of art you have been meaning to finish.

Contact Barbara Fisher about your interest in participating. More detailed information will be coming in the bulletin and on the web.

everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need.

So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

“When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.’ So he got up and went to his father.

“But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

“The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’

“But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So they began to celebrate.

“Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. ‘Your brother has come,’ he replied, ‘and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.’

“The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. But he answered his father, ‘Look! All these years I’ve been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!’

“‘My son,’ the father said, ‘you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

Sermon Hymn: Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

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Sermon

(Please stand)

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God, begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

(Please be seated)

The Collection of the 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 stand)

The Service of the Sacrament

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

People: 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.

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you.

The Sharing of the Peace

The Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

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Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

(Please be seated until it is your time to commune.)

The Distribution

We welcome to the Lord's Table all who have been baptized in the name of the Triune God, can examine themselves spiritually and believe they receive the true body and blood of the Lord Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins and as a profession of their faith. If you hold a profession of faith that differs from that of our congregation, please speak to the Pastor before the start of the service before communing.

- We believe the body and blood of Christ are truly present in the bread and wine.
- We believe Christ offers the forgiveness of sins in the Lord's Supper, but that the Lord's Supper is not necessary for salvation.
- We believe the Lord's Supper remembers the death of Christ and proclaims his death until he returns.
- We believe the Lord's Supper is a statement of unity in the body of Christ; we do not believe it creates that unity.

During the distribution, you are encouraged to sing the Distribution Hymns, pray, or meditate on the words "this is my body... this is my blood, given for you."

The cups at the center of the Individual Communion tray contain diluted wine for those with alcohol sensitivities.

Distribution Hymns

Beautiful Savior

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Praise and Thanksgiving

789

O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee

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Benediction

People: Amen

The Recessional: Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

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† *Service Participants* †

Pastor:	The Rev. Duncan McLellan
Music Director:	Mark Killinger
The Organist:	Sandra Quinlan
The Elders:	James Neill, Neil Ackerman
The Acolyte:	Matthew Liberatore (8:00) Anna Gresh (10:30)
The Greeters:	Peter & Barbara Fisher (8:00) Elsie DallaPiazza (10:30)
The Ushers:	Carl Bauer, Gene Koop Ron Meier & Jack Oelschlager (8:00) Loren Luedeman, Vince Kimberland Jim Oelschlager & Ted Siek (10:30)
Altar Guild:	Janet & Marian Oelschlager
Nursery 10:30 service:	Debra Sterba, Linda Kroeger & Tess Carter

Last Week in Worship

Sunday Worship Attendance (8/16) - 174

Wednesday Attendance (8/19) - 27

Sunday Offering (8/16) - \$3,363.23

Online Offering (8/9-8/15) - \$145.00

~Online giving is now available by going to the Zion web site: www.zlcb.org~

Week of August 23rd – August 30th

<p>SUNDAY 8/23</p>	<p>8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion 9:15 AM – Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM–Worship w/Communion 11:45 AM – Board of Education Meeting 11:45 AM - “Meet Joe and Lindsey Faini / What’s happening with the Youth?” Conference Room</p>
<p>MONDAY 8/24</p>	
<p>TUESDAY 8/25</p>	<p>6:30 PM – Sunday School Meeting 7:30 PM – Women’s Bible Study</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY 8/26</p>	<p>7:00 PM – Prayer & Preaching Service 7:45 PM – Choir Practice 8:30 PM – M@ZE @ The Crafty Jackalope</p>
<p>THURSDAY 8/27</p>	<p>10:00 AM – Bible Study</p>
<p>FRIDAY 8/28</p>	<p>6:00 PM – 8:00 PM - Zion Youth Blow Dart Battle @ Church</p>
<p>SATURDAY 8/29</p>	<p>8:00 AM – Men’s Bible Breakfast</p>
<p>SUNDAY 8/30</p>	<p>8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion 9:30 AM –Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM – Worship w/Communion & Children’s Church</p>