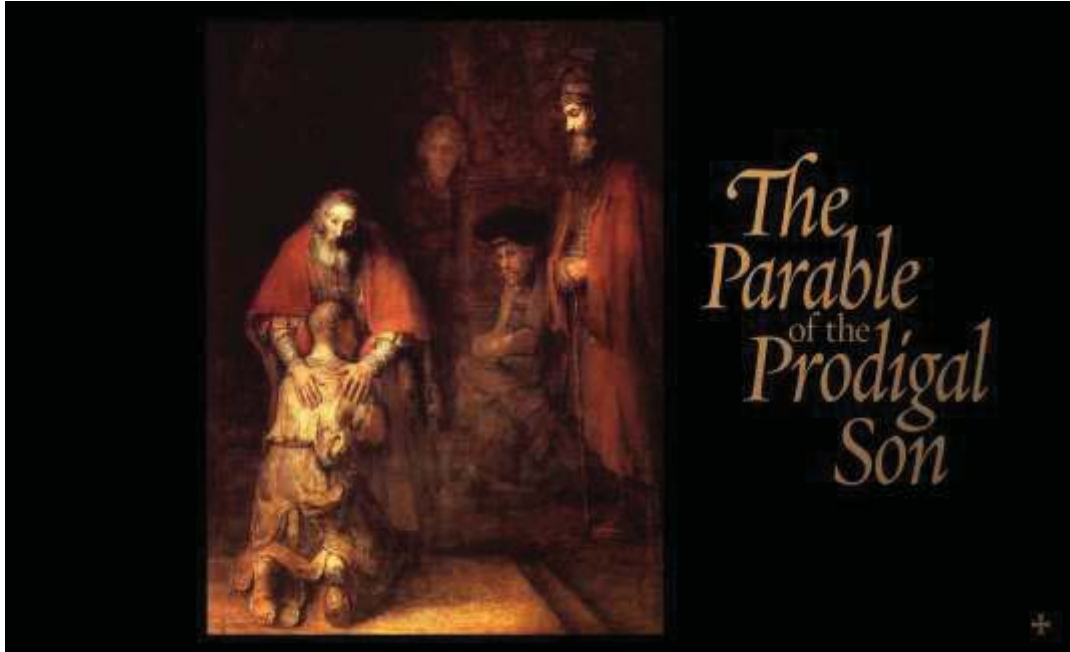


ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



Service of Prayer and Preaching
August 26th 2015



ANNOUNCEMENTS

NURSERY! Zion will have a staffed nursery for children 2 and under during the late service. If you are interested in helping out or would like to know more, please contact the church office!

PASTORS. Our Sunday morning Bible Study for the next month will be on Pastors. What is a Pastor? Who should be a Pastor? And what exactly is the Priesthood of All Believers? We'll be down in the Fellowship Hall for a lively discussion and study of God's Word. Join us!

HEY MUSIC PEOPLE! If you are interested in helping out with the Music Ministry here at Zion, we are interested in you! The Adult Choir meets up tonight after the Midweek Service of Prayer and Preaching, the Children's Choir will start up again shortly and, for those who are interested in something new and different, we will be meeting this evening after Choir Practice (8:30ish) at the Crafty Jackalope in downtown Bridgeville to discuss the formation of a Zion Worship Band.

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. Look for more information in the August Newsletter.

Welcome to worship!

Last Sunday, we took a look at one of my favorite Parables: the Prodigal Son. We saw the love of the father for his two children and applied it to our relationship with God. We saw how the mistakes of our past (and present) do not prevent us from coming to our heavenly Father and receiving his forgiveness through Jesus Christ. Well, this evening we pick up where we left off as we continue to dig deeper into our understanding of the 5th Petition of the Lord's Prayer ("forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us"). And, just like we did on Sunday, we are going to turn to another one of Jesus' parables to guide us.

The parable we are going to look at this evening is the Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector. In it we will see the imperative invitation Jesus gives his disciples to ask God to forgive them, and gives them the assurance that their prayers will be heard and answered. And, just for fun, we'll take a look at the greater context of this parable (specifically, the Parable of the Persistent Widow) that came before it and see that we have one who advocates on our behalf to our heavenly father without fail.

We've got a lot to cover in our time together this evening!

And, since this is the last Wednesday of the month, we will also be celebrating Holy Communion!

God bless your time in worship!

-Pastor Duncan McLellan

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The Service of Prayer and Preaching

(Please take a moment to fill out the Attendance books)

The Invocation

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

People: **Amen.**

Confession of Sins

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: **who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

People: **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Absolution Spoken by the Pastor

People: **Amen.**

The Reading: Luke 18:9-14

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: "Two men went up into the

temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

Sermon

(Please stand)

The 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 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.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

For the prayers this evening, you are invited to come to the Communion Rail and kneel.

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord:
People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: ...let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the concerns we have in our hearts. Let us pray...

Pastor: Taught by our Lord and trusting in his promises, we are bold to pray:

People: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by 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 from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen

The Words of Institution

The Distribution

The Benedicamus and Benediction

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Let us go forth in peace,

People: in the name of the Lord. Amen.