

# Zion Lutheran Church



14<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost  
August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by Joe DePalma in Memory of his mother and father, Margaret & Joseph and Scott , Joanna & family, Craig, Gretchen & Miss Grace in Honor of David & Mary's Anniversary.

**ETERNAL LIGHT** is given by Bernice DeBoe in Memory of her husband Bob DeBoe.

**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.** had its first meeting last Wednesday. The Music At Zion Experience is going to get together this coming Wednesday after choir practice (8:30pm) at the church. If you are interested in using your musical gifts in service to Christ through the ministry of the church, bring your instrument and come on out to Zion this Wednesday!

**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. The Draft is next Sunday @ 2:00pm.

**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](http://www.zlcb.org/sermons)

# Welcome to worship!

We've been taking an in-depth look at the Lord's Prayer as part of our Back to Basics series for almost a month and a half. We've seen how the first three petitions ("Hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven") all go together in asking God to make earth look more like it should, to undo the curse and make right what sin, the devil, the world and our sinful flesh have made wrong. We've seen how the Fourth ("Give us this day our daily bread") and Fifth ("Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us") Petitions go together in asking for God to provide for our physical and spiritual needs. Now we come to the last pair of Petitions: "Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil." These go together, as they are the requests of the disciple of Jesus who is sent out into the world.

Our focus this morning is on the Sixth Petition: "Lead us not into temptation." This is the hardest Petition, I think, to understand because, on the surface, it sounds like we are praying to a God who wants to lead us down the road that ends in destruction; a God who entices us to sin and who tries to trip us up in our faith and life. Luther's explanation of this Petition is helpful: "God tempts no one. We pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our own sinful nature may not deceive or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice. Although we are attacked by these things, we pray that we may finally overcome them and win the victory."

This morning, we are going to focus on the battle that is going on around us, the spiritual warfare we have been called to engage in, the protection God gives us, and the deliverance he provides through our Lord Jesus Christ. We've got a lot to cover this morning! God bless your time in worship!

-Pastor Duncan McLellan

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*Zion equips, educates, and encourages believers in Christ, sending them into the world to share the Gospel.*

# 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: Come, Thou Almighty King*

905

### *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:** This morning, our focus is on the 6<sup>th</sup> Petition of the Lord's Prayer: "lead us not into temptation." In this Petition, we admit that we are weak and prone to sin and disobey the commands and will of our Father in heaven. Therefore, let us confess our sins, trusting in the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**People:** **Father in heaven, your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ invited us to pray for you not to lead us into temptation. We confess to you that we are weak. You have called us to be your children, but we have dishonored you by what we have thought, said, and done. Have mercy on us. Forgive our sins and lead us to greater faith and obedience. We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

### *Absolution Spoken by the Pastor*

**People:** Amen.

### *The Prayer of the Church*

(Please be seated)

## **The Service of the Word**

### **The Old Testament Reading: Psalm 143**

Hear my prayer, O Lord; give ear to my pleas for mercy! In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness! Enter not into judgment with your servant, for no one living is righteous before you. For the enemy has pursued my soul; he has crushed my life to the ground; he has made me sit in darkness like those long dead. Therefore my spirit faints within me my heart within me is appalled. I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that you have done; I ponder the work of your hands. I stretch out my hands to you; my soul thirsts for you like a parched land. *Selah* Answer me quickly, O Lord! My spirit fails! Hide not your face from me, lest I be like those who go down to the pit. Let me hear in the morning of your steadfast love, for in you I trust. Make me know the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul. Deliver me from my enemies, O Lord! I have fled to you for refuge. Teach me to do your will, for you are my God! Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground! For your name's sake, O Lord, preserve my life! In your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble! And in your steadfast love you will cut off my enemies, and you will destroy all the adversaries of my soul, for I am your servant.

### **The New Testament Reading: Hebrews 11:1-16**

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the people of old received their commendation. By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. By

faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

**Pastor:** In honor of our Lord Jesus Christ, we rise for the reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 10<sup>th</sup> Chapter.  
**People:** **Glory to you, O Lord.**



*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 Education are not able to be used in support of preschool programs such as Zion's . . . they may only be used for Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade school programs.



# Interested in membership?

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

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[pastor@zlcg.org](mailto:pastor@zlcg.org) or [secretary@zlcg.org](mailto:secretary@zlcg.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.

## **The Gospel Reading: Matthew 10:1-25**

And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction. The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, "Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And proclaim as you go, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay. Acquire no gold or silver or copper for your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics or sandals or a staff, for the laborer deserves his food. And whatever town or village you enter, find out who is worthy in it and stay there until you depart. As you enter the house, greet it. And if the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. And if anyone will not receive you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet when you leave that house or town. Truly, I say to you, it will be more bearable on the day of judgment for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah than for that town.

"Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of men, for they will deliver you over to courts and flog you in their synagogues, and you will be dragged before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them and the Gentiles. When they deliver you over, do not be anxious how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you in that hour. For it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through

you. Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, and you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

“A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household.

**Pastor:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

### ***Children's Church (10:30)***

(Children ages Preschool - 6 may leave with Alissa to go to Children's Church)

***Sermon Hymn: My Faith Looks Up to Thee***

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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***

Seek Ye First 712

Feed Thy Children, God Most Holy 774

O Lord, We Praise Thee 617

### ***Benediction***

**People:** Amen

### ***The Recessional: Precious Lord, Take My Hand***

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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:	Josiah Ackerman (8:00) Lara Luedeman (10:30)
The Greeters:	Bernie & Jean Blanco (8:00) Ken & Carol Wuerthele (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:	Brittany Dill & Megan Pasquini

### **Last Week in Worship**

Sunday Worship Attendance (8/23) – 226

Wednesday Attendance (8/26) - 26

Sunday Offering (8/23) - \$3,837.00

Online Offering (8/16-8/22) - \$140.00

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

# Week of August 30<sup>th</sup> – September 6<sup>th</sup>

<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>8/30</b>	8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion 9:15 AM – Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM–Worship w/Communion & Children’s Church
<b>MONDAY</b> <b>8/31</b>	
<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>9/1</b>	7:30 PM – Women’s Bible Study
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>9/2</b>	7:00 PM – Prayer & Preaching Service 7:45 PM – Choir Practice 8:30 PM – M@ZE @ Zion
<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>9/3</b>	10:00 AM – Bible Study 7:30PM – Elders (Conference Room)
<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>9/4</b>	
<b>SATURDAY</b> <b>9/5</b>	8:00 AM – Men’s Bible Breakfast
<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>9/6</b>	8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion 9:30 AM –Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM – Worship w/Communion 2:00PM – The Zion Experience 2 Fantasy Football Draft