

# Zion Lutheran Church

**STRENGTHEN THE WEAK  
HANDS, AND MAKE FIRM THE  
FEEBLE KNEES. SAY TO THOSE  
WHO HAVE AN ANXIOUS HEART,  
"BE STRONG; FEAR NOT!"**

ISAIAH 35:3-4

15<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost  
September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by the LaJeunesse Family in Honor of Samuels 7<sup>th</sup> Birthday and Nancy, Paul & Rachel Klemash in Honor of Andrew's Birthday.

**ETERNAL LIGHT** is given by Bernice DeBoe in Memory of her brothers, Edwin, Walter & Wallace.

**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.)

**M@ZE** met again this last Wednesday and will meet again this Wednesday. If you have a musical talent (or talents!) that you would like to use in service to Christ through the ministry of the church, we want YOU to be part of the Music At Zion Experience. Join us on Wednesday at 8:30pm right here at Zion!

**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** draft is TODAY at 2:00pm.

**M@P-3.** The Fall Men's Retreat at Camp Pioneer is scheduled for the 12<sup>th</sup> (or 13<sup>th</sup>, if you can't get off work) through the 15<sup>th</sup> of November. Information about the retreat and a sign-up sheet are both in the narthex area. Sign-up today! Space is limited.

**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.

**OLD PORTALS OF PRAYER** are being collected in the narthex. Please put your old portals of prayer in the box marked in the narthex. They will be used for prison ministry.

**EVENTS COMMITTEE.** At June'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. A sign-up sheet is in the entryway/narthex if you would like to know more, or if you are planning on attending.

**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)

# 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: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

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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: 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: O almighty God, merciful Father,

**People: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

## *Absolution Spoken by the Pastor*

**People: Amen.**

## *The Prayer of the Church*

(Please be seated)

## **The Service of the Word**

### **The Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7a**

Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

### **The New Testament Reading: James 2:1-10, 14-18**

My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "You sit here in a good place," while you say to the poor man, "You stand over there," or, "Sit down at my feet," have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called? If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well. But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

**Pastor:** In honor of our Lord Jesus Christ, we rise for the reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 7<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

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

### **The Gospel Reading: Mark 7:24-37**

And from there he arose and went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And he entered a house and did not want anyone to know, yet he could not be hidden. But immediately a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit heard of him and came and fell down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, a Syrophenician by birth. And she begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. And he said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." And he said to her, "For this statement you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter." And she went home and found the child lying in bed and the demon gone. Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And his ears were opened, his tongue

was released, and he spoke plainly. 3 And Jesus[b] charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

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

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

(Please be seated)

***Sermon Hymn: All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall***

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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.*

(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***

Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart	806
Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior	627
Not What These Hands Have Done	567

## ***Benediction***

**People:        Amen**

***The Recessional: A Mighty Fortress is Our God*** 657



## † *Service Participants* †

Proclaimer:	Rev. Dr. Edward Naumann
Liturgist:	Rev. Duncan McLellan
Music Director:	Mark Killinger
The Organist:	Sandra Quinlan
Pianist:	Shelley Killinger
The Elders:	Ken Wuerthele & Mike Sterba
The Acolyte:	Augie Bishop (8:00) Carley Rockovich (10:30)
The Greeters:	Frank & Sandy Hervert (8:00) Darren & Jennifer Elikor & Family (10:30)
The Ushers:	Kathleen Conn, Bill Schrag Larry Zreliak (8:00) Sam Dragan, Steve Gauger Kari & John Gresh (10:30)
Altar Guild:	Diana Schmidt, Megan Pasquini & Barb Oechslein
Nursery 10:30 service:	Sydney Harris & Kristen Neill

### **Last Week in Worship**

Sunday Worship Attendance (8/30) – 208

Wednesday Attendance (9/2) - 21

Sunday Offering (8/30) - \$5,645.00

Online Offering (8/23-8/29) - \$140.00

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

# Week of Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> – Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>

<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>9/6</b>	8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion 9:15 AM – Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM–Worship w/Communion 2:00PM – The Zion Experience 2 Fantasy Football Draft
<b>MONDAY</b> <b>9/7</b>	7:00 PM – Trustees Meeting
<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>9/8</b>	7:30 PM – Women’s Bible Study
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>9/9</b>	7:00 PM – Prayer & Preaching Service 7:45 PM – Choir Practice 8:30 PM – M@ZE @ Zion
<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>9/10</b>	10:00 AM – Bible Study
<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>9/11</b>	
<b>SATURDAY</b> <b>9/12</b>	8:00 AM – Men’s Bible Breakfast
<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>9/13</b>	8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion 9:30 AM –Adult Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30 AM – Worship w/Communion 11:45 PM – Events Committee Meeting 12:00PM – Stephen Ministry Picnic 4:00 PM – Youth Kickball Slip & Slide FOOD BANK COLLECTION