

Zion Lutheran Church



19th Sunday After Pentecost
October 4th, 2015

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS are given Irene Bourg in Memory of Loved Ones and Dorthea Heslop in Memory of Loved Ones.

ETERNAL LIGHT is given by Judith Dames in Memory of Andy, Gregory, Raymond & Paula.

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.)

CHILI COOK-OFF is almost here! We are looking forward to entering our Winning Chili into the cook-off today. Come out to support us Today from 12-4 @ Fairview Park. We need your votes to win again!

FALL CLEAN-UP WORK DAY: Bring your work clothes and join us immediately following the 10:30 church service on Sunday, October 11th for our Fall Cleanup Day. The Trustees are providing lunch and will have work projects for all ages.

Childcare for little ones ages 4 and under will be provided. There’s no Steeler game on this day so why not come out and make a difference at God’s house! Whatever amount of time you have to give will be appreciated. See you on October 11th!

OCTOBER IS REFORMATION MONTH @ ZION: In our adult and children’s Sunday School classes at 9:15 am each Sunday, we will be learning about Martin Luther’s rediscovery of the gospel through scripture, which led to the Reformation in the 16th century. We will also be learning more about how Zion members can help commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation (2017) via *The Wittenberg Project* – see the flyer in today’s bulletin and the informational table in the back of the sanctuary.

October 4th and 11th – Teaching about Luther and the Reformation for students in grades Preschool through high school.

October 18th – “Meet Martin Luther” a live presentation for kids of all ages.

October 25th – Reformation-inspired art project for kids in Preschool through 5th grade.

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!

M@P-3. The Fall Men’s Retreat at Camp Pioneer is scheduled for the 12th (or 13th, if you can’t get off work) through the 15th 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 are MOVING to Tuesday nights starting Oct.6th from 7:00-8:00PM. 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!

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

Welcome to worship!

Welcome to Worship!

This morning, our four-week series on Baptism continues as we take a look at what is probably the most controversial aspect of Baptism: who it is for. Last week, we saw that God connects us to Christ through Baptism in such a way that we receive all the gifts Christ earned for us with his sinless life, atoning death and all-conquering resurrection: forgiveness of sins, the gift of the Holy Spirit, a resurrection like his, and being clothed in Him. In the words of St. Peter, the result of Baptism is that we are saved through the resurrection of Christ.

But who is Baptism for? Is it for adults and infants? Is it for people whose parents are members of a particular denomination? Is it for people who want to make a public display of a personal faith? Who is Baptism for?

In our “Rookie Mistake” segment last week, we took a look at the difference between descriptive and prescriptive passages in Scripture. This week, we will see how people who take descriptive passages prescriptively end up fencing-off baptism for most people. I hope that you will see the only restriction placed on baptism is on the people who are baptizing: that they are only to baptize people who have been taught the Christian faith, or who will be taught the Christian faith. Other than that one restriction, I hope you will see how Scripture uses words like “all” and “every” when describing who receives God’s gift of Baptism.

If you have not been baptized and would like to know more about “how it’s done,” please talk with me after the service, e-mail or call me during the week. I’d love to tell you more about Baptism and why it is a good thing for you, for your children and all whom the Lord our God calls to himself!
God bless your time in worship!

-Pastor Duncan

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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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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!)

Prelude

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: This morning our focus is on who Scripture says Baptism is for. Even though we we all baptized into Christ, we still choose to do what is wrong, hurt and harm our neighbors, and bring shame to our Lord by our careless thoughts, words and deeds. Therefore, let us confess our sins to God, trusting in his mercy through Christ our Lord to grant us forgiveness.

People: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am not worthy to be called your child. I ask that you would have mercy on me and forgive my sins. Lead me to greater faith and obedience. Make me bold to speak your name. Give me the privilege of a clean conscience. I ask this through Christ my Savior and Lord. Amen.

Absolution Spoken by the Pastor

People: Amen.

Refrain:

This is the feast of victory of our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

[REFRAIN]

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing and glory are His.

[REFRAIN]

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

[REFRAIN]

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.

[REFRAIN]

The Prayer of the Church

(Please be seated)

The Service of the Word

The Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 1:1-8

The words of Jeremiah, the son of Hilkiah, one of the priests who were in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, to whom the word of the Lord came in the days of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah, in the thirteenth year of his reign. It came also in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, and until the end of the eleventh year of Zedekiah, the son of Josiah, king of Judah, until the captivity of Jerusalem in the fifth month. Now the word of the Lord came to me, saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth." But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a youth'; for to all to whom I send you, you shall go, and whatever I command

you, you shall speak. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, declares the Lord.”

The New Testament Reading: Acts 16:25-34

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken. And immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone's bonds were unfastened. When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul cried with a loud voice, “Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.” And the jailer called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them out and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” And they said, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.” And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their wounds; and he was baptized at once, he and all his family. Then he brought them up into his house and set food before them. And he rejoiced along with his entire household that he had believed in God.

Pastor: In honor of our Lord Jesus Christ, we rise for the reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 10th Chapter.

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

The Gospel Reading: Mark 10:13-16

And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the

kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.” And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

(Please be seated)

Sermon Hymn: O Blessed Spring

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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)

Offertory- (10:30) Adult Choir – In the Light of the Lord

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)

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.)

† *Service Participants* †

Pastor:	Rev. Duncan McLellan
Music Director:	Mark Killinger
The Organist:	Sandra Quinlan
Pianist:	Lindsay Faini
Soloist:	Jay Anderson
The Elders:	Rob Oelschalger & Bill Bishop
The Acolyte:	Chris Yellig (8:00) Augie Bishop (10:30)
The Greeters:	Bernie & Jean Blanco (8:00) Loren & Kim Luedeman & Family (10:30)
The Ushers:	Melanie Becker, Bill Becker Shane Bryant & Michael Kozak (8:00) Michael Kroeger, Vince Kimpberland Richard Quilan & Sam Dragan (10:30)
Altar Guild:	Judy Meier, Marianne Miller Millie Thielet
Nursery 10:30 service:	Linda & Kitt Kroeger & Tess Carter

Last Week in Worship

Sunday Worship Attendance (9/27) -205

Wednesday Attendance (9/30) - 30

Sunday Offering (9/27) - \$4028.00

Online Offering (9/21) - \$790.00

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

Week of Oct. 4th – Oct. 11th

SUNDAY 10/4	8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion 9:30 AM –Adult Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30 AM – Worship w/Communion 11:45 AM – Event’s Committee Meeting 12:00 – 4:00 PM – Chili Cook-Off @ Fairview Park
MONDAY 10/5	7:00 PM – Trustees Meeting
TUESDAY 10/6	9:00 AM – Mom’s in Prayer 7:00 PM – Adult Choir Practice
WEDNESDAY 10/7	7:00 PM – Prayer, Preaching & Romans Bible Study
THURSDAY 10/8	10:00 AM – Bible Study 7:30 PM – Church Council Meeting
FRIDAY 10/9	
SATURDAY 10/10	
SUNDAY 10/11	8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion 9:30 AM –Adult Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30 AM – Worship w/Communion 11:45 AM – Work Day w/ Lunch & Childcare Provided