





# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**GIVING TO MISSIONS!** Did you know that Zion is currently supporting two missionaries? We are supporting Rev. Dr. Edward Naumann who will be starting a Lutheran Seminary serving south India and Sri Lanka. We are also supporting the ongoing work of the Lohmeyer family in the Dominican Republic, creating sustainable ministries and churches. Thanks to your generosity and the Kingdom Fund, we were able to support both of these missions in addition to meeting our ongoing financial responsibilities. Contact Pastor Duncan or the Church Office if you would like to know more about these missions.

**M@P-3!** The men are going back to Camp Pioneer this November (12-15<sup>th</sup>) for a time of prayer, fellowship, Bible Study, worship and recreation. We'll be getting to know Jesus better by taking a look at his parables from the Gospel of Luke. All men are welcome to attend all or a portion of the retreat. More information and a sign-up sheet are available in the narthex area. Hope you can make it!

**BIBLE IN A YEAR.** We are reading the Bible in a Year for 2016! Look for a reading list, on-line resources and audio files of the Bible being read in the coming months to help you read through the Bible in a Year! If you've never done it, don't be intimidated! All it takes is 15 minutes (1% of your day) and you can read the whole Bible in one year. Join us!

**APOLOGETICS.** On November 15<sup>th</sup>, we will be having a guest speaker come to speak to us on Sunday morning during the Bible Study hour about apologetics. "Apologetics" is giving a defense of the faith, being able to explain to someone else why you believe what you believe. Join us, Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup> @ 9:15AM in the Fellowship Hall!

# Welcome to worship!

This evening, we are going to take a look at the second half of the first chapter of Romans and the first half of the second chapter of Romans. Paul is laying out his case for the sinful condition of all people and the result of our rebellion against God.

The question for us, as we read these difficult words of Paul, is whether or not we want Jesus. Do we want Jesus in our lives? Do we want him to make our lives better, happier, more bearable? I contend that no, we do not want Jesus in our lives.

What? But you're a Pastor. You're supposed to be all about Jesus! What gives?

Well, of course there is another shoe to drop. But I think it is important for all of us to realize that we do not want Jesus. (I will explain why in the sermon this evening.) If we can move beyond wanting Jesus, I think we will see the Gospel in a much brighter, fuller light, as it so dramatically contrasts our sinful condition with the righteousness of God.

We've got a lot going on this evening; with Prayer and Preaching, Small Groups and M@ZE. God bless your time in worship this evening!

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# The Service of Prayer and Preaching

## *Vespers*

Pastor: O Lord, open my lips

People: **and my mouth will declare Your praise.**

Pastor: Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

People: **make haste to help me O Lord.**

People: **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.**

**Amen.**

## **The Reading:** Romans 1:18-32

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Claiming to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.

Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.

For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with

passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error. And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done. They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips, slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless. Though they know God's righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them.

**Pastor:** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

**Pastor:** Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth.  
Unite my heart to fear Your name that I may walk in Your truth.

**People:** **Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.**

## ***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***

- Pastor: Let my prayer rise before You as incense,  
**People:** **and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**  
**People:** **I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me.**
- Pastor: Lord of hosts, stretch forth Your almighty arm to strengthen and protect those who serve in the armed forces of our country. Support them in times of war, and in times of peace keep them from all evil, giving them courage and loyalty. Grant that in all things they may serve with integrity and with honor. Lord, in your mercy;  
**People:** **Amen.**
- Pastor: Visit, O Lord, the homes in which Your people dwell, and keep all harm and danger far from them. Grant that we may dwell together in peace under the protection of Your holy angels, sharing eternally in Your blessings. Lord, in Your mercy;  
**People:** **Hear our prayer.**
- Pastor: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, be a source of strength and hope for the children in our families. When they stray, protect them from all danger and grant Your abiding presence. Guide them by Your Word into paths of wisdom and righteousness, and send Your holy angels to watch over them, that the evil one may have no power over them. Lord, in your mercy;  
**People:** **Hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Abide with us, Lord, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. Abide with us and with Your whole Church. Abide with us at the end of the day, at the end of our life, at the end of the whole world. Abide with us with Your grace and goodness, with Your holy Word and Sacrament, with Your strength and blessing. Abide with us when the night of affliction and temptation comes upon us, the night of fear and despair, the night when death draws near. Abide with us and with all the faithful, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy;

**People: Hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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 from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen**

### ***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.**