

Zion Lutheran Church



22nd Sunday After Pentecost
October 25th, 2015

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Kim & Jay Anderson in Honor of Kim's Aunt Deanna's Birthday on 10/24 and Jay's Fathers birthday on 10/25 and Eric & Michelle's 10th Wedding Anniversary.

ETERNAL LIGHT is given by Rose Marie Steranko in Memory of Harry & Mamie Oelschlager.

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.)

PIG ROAST! Thank you to all of our volunteers who helped make last week's Pig Roast a success. A good time was had by all. Thank you for the fellowship and the food!

CHILDRENS CHOIR will start on Oct. 27th and will be every Tuesday from 6:00 – 6:45 PM, Kids ages 7-12 are welcome!!

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 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!

VOTERS MEETING will be held on Nov. 1st. Please plan on attending this meeting.

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 Tuesdays 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 started a Bible Study Series on the book of Romans in conjunction with our Wednesday Evening Service of Prayer and Preaching. Child care is provided!

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!

This morning our Back to Basics look at Confession and Absolution continues as we come across something us Lutheran folk call the “Office of the Keys.”

We are going to take a look at a couple of my favorite passages this morning as we look at the authority Christ has given his church (his people) to forgive sins in his name. “Pastor, why are these a couple of your favorite passages?” Because they are tragically misunderstood and what they really teach is far better than what they are misunderstood to mean. (Does that make sense?)

So this morning, we are going to look at the authority Christ has given his church (you and me) to forgive people in his name. As I hope you’ll see, this is a tremendous privilege that we have as the baptized children of God. Called by the Gospel and enlightened with His gifts, we have been given everything we need to announce and deliver the free forgiveness of sins Christ has earned through his death and resurrection.

As you listen to the Scriptures read and the Gospel proclaimed, ask yourself what you can do to speak the forgiveness of Christ to people who you know who are living in darkness, people who believe but are struggling, and even people who are strong in the faith.

God bless your time in worship this morning!

-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, located at either end of the pew. If you are visiting us this morning and would like to be contacted by the church, 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: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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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

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

People: who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

People: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

Pastor: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

People: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Absolution Spoken by the Pastor

People: Amen.

Hymn of Praise: This Is the Feast

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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: Isaiah 25

O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you; I will praise your name, for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the foreigners' palace is a city no more; it will never be rebuilt. Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. For you have been a stronghold to the poor, a stronghold to the needy in his distress, a shelter from the storm and a shade from the heat; for the breath of the ruthless is like a storm against a

wall, like heat in a dry place. You subdue the noise of the foreigners; as heat by the shade of a cloud, so the song of the ruthless is put down. On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation." For the hand of the Lord will rest on this mountain, and Moab shall be trampled down in his place, as straw is trampled down in a dunghill. And he will spread out his hands in the midst of it as a swimmer spreads his hands out to swim, but the Lord will lay low his pompous pride together with the skill of his hands. And the high fortifications of his walls he will bring down, lay low, and cast to the ground, to the dust.

The New Testament Reading: Colossians 3: 12-17

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word

or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Pastor: In honor of our Lord Jesus Christ, we rise for the reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 16th Chapter.

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

The Gospel Reading: Matthew 16: 13-20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

(Please be seated)

Children's Message (10:30)

Sermon Hymn: Thy Strong Word

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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 was 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.

(Please be seated)

Offertory

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

Jesus Comes Today with Healing

620

In Holy Conversation

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In God, My Faithful God

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Benediction

People: Amen

The Recessional: Built on the Rock

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Postlude

† *Service Participants* †

Pastor:	Rev. Duncan McLellan
Music Director:	Mark Killinger
The Organist:	Sandra Quinlan
The Pianist:	Lindsey Faini:
Trumpet:	Mark Killinger
Trombone:	Jesse Carter
Tuba:	Brian Hopkins
The Elders:	Rob Oelschalger & John Gielarowski
The Acolyte:	Augie Bishop (8:00) Chris Yellig (10:30)
The Greeters:	Clara Hayes (8:00) Bob & Diana Schmidt(10:30)
The Ushers:	Melanie Becker, Bill Becker Shane Bryant & Michael Kozak (8:00) Michael Kroeger, Vince Kimberland Richard Quinlan & Sam Dragan (10:30)
Altar Guild:	Judy Meier, Marianne Miller Millie Thielet
Nursery 10:30 service:	Brittany Dill & Megan Glasser

Last Week in Worship

Sunday Worship Attendance (10/18) -209

Wednesday Attendance (10/21) - 51

Sunday Offering (10/18) - \$4,381.32

Online Offering - \$390.00

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

Week of Oct. 25th – Nov. 1st

SUNDAY 10/25	8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion 9:30 AM – Adult Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30 AM – Worship w/Communion 11:45 AM – Stephen Ministry Supervision 11:45 AM – Board of Education Meeting
MONDAY 10/26	
TUESDAY 10/27	6:30 PM – Sunday School Meeting 6:00 PM – Children’s Choir Practice 7:00 PM – Adult Choir Practice
WEDNESDAY 10/28	7:00 PM – Prayer, Preaching & Romans w/ Communion
THURSDAY 10/29	10:00 AM – Bible Study
FRIDAY 10/30	
SATURDAY 10/31	
SUNDAY 11/1 ALL SAINTS DAY	8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion 9:15 AM – Voters Meeting 9:30 AM – Sunday School 10:30 AM – Worship w/Communion 3:00 PM – Body & Soul Boot Camp 4:00 – 6:00 PM – Youth Pumpkin Launch



**Voters Meeting to approve these candidates is
Sunday Nov. 1st 2015**

List of Candidates

Chairman	Jay Anderson
Financial Secretary	Nancy Klemash
Recording Secretary	Brittany Dill
Elders	John Gielarowski Michael Kroeger David Miller James Neill Bob Schmidt Shane Bryant
Trustees	Linda Kroeger John Lemonovich Wayne Oechslein
Board of Education	Kim Anderson
Event Committee	Tracey Harris

When: Nov. 1, 4:00-6pm

Where: Zion

Who: Anyone in Middle or High School

BRING A PUMPKIN TO CARVE!



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sanctuary for more information
and to make a donation



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- ▶ Commit to raising just \$500 over the course of the coming year
- ▶ It could be through group offerings, bake sales or a designated donation — you decide!
- ▶ Submit photos and stories to the LCMS at www.thewittenbergproject.com.



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