

Zion Lutheran Church



2nd Sunday of End Times
November 8th, 2015

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Dorothea Heslop in Memory of Loved Ones and Bernice DeBoe in Memory her brother, Edwin & her mother Anna's birthdays.
ETERNAL LIGHT is given by Bernice DeBoe in Memory of her grandson Matthew Christopher DeBoe.

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.)

APOLOGETICS: why do we believe what we believe; how do we respond to people who challenge our faith? Next Sunday, Tony German (who presented at our Creation Seminar) will be leading us on a brief course in Apologetics in our Adult Bible Class (9:30) and then for a seminar from noon-2. Hope you are able to join in; lunch will be served and there will be childcare.

NO SHAVE NOVEMBER is back! Here's how it's going to work. Take a picture of your face today and at the end of the month. A panel of female judges (possibly your wives/ significant others/ moms) will decide who has had the most and best facial hair growth at the end of the month; substance and style count. The winner will pick a charity all of the losers may make a donation to. All for fun and a good cause, join us for No Shave November! Sign-up in the back entryway of the church.

ETERNAL LIGHT & ALTER FLOWER dates are now available for 2016! Please see the table located in the back corner of the sanctuary for complete directions, the sign-up sheets and payment envelopes. The prices for 2016 remain the same - \$5.00 for the Eternal Light and \$15.00 per vase for the Altar Flowers. Remember: once you have signed up for a specific date and taken the corresponding envelope, please complete the information on the envelope and place it (with your payment) in the offering plate by the due date indicated on the envelope. Have any questions? Please see Carrie Lemonovich or feel free to call her at (412)319-7267.

CHILDRENS CHOIR is every Tuesday from 6:00 – 6:45 PM, Kids ages 7-12 are welcome!!

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!

THANKS to Rev. Matthew Barry, who is filling in this Sunday for Pastor Duncan.

ADULT CHOIR rehearsals are 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, we welcome Rev. Matthew Barry, Associate Pastor at St. Luke's in Cabot. Matthew graduated from Concordia University in Mequon, Wisconsin in 2008, and from Concordia Seminary (St. Louis) in 2012. Rev. Barry will be preaching this morning and leading our Adult Bible Class in between services, where you can ask him all of the difficult questions you mercifully had been refraining from asking me. Thank you, Matthew, for filling in for me so that I can spend time with my family down in North Carolina!

Next week, we also have a special treat on Sunday morning. Tony German, who was a member of the panel discussion at our Creation Seminar, is back and will be leading our Adult Bible Class in a study on apologetics (defending the faith, answering questions posed by those who are skeptical of things like the reality of God, eternal life, and the resurrection of Jesus). He will also lead a seminar for us after the late service (12-2pm) on apologetics. Lunch and child care will be provided, as this is something we want as many of you to attend as possible. And don't be shy about inviting your friends!

Also coming up next week is our men's retreat! For those of you who signed-up, you will be sent a tentative schedule/ what to bring/ what to expect flyer in the mail and via e-mail. We will also schedule a caravan from the church on Friday, and figure out who wants to go up on Thursday. It's not too late to sign-up for the Men's Retreat @ Pioneer! The sign-up is on the bulletin board in the entryway to the church. If you're on the fence, give me a call or e-mail me! I want to talk you into going on this retreat.

-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 – Onward Christian Soldiers

Introduction to Worship and Announcements

Opening Hymn: Onward Christian Soldiers

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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: 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: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in

Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

Pastor: Friends in Christ, I urge you to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us. God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name may be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives.

Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith that the number of Christians may be increased. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend those who are ill and who are in need, praying for them at all times. Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

(Please be seated)

The Service of the Word

The Old Testament Reading: 1 Kings 17:17-24

After this the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became ill. And his illness was so severe that there was no breath left in him. And she said to Elijah, "What have you against me, O man of God? You have come to

me to bring my sin to remembrance and to cause the death of my son!" And he said to her, "Give me your son." And he took him from her arms and carried him up into the upper chamber where he lodged, and laid him on his own bed. And he cried to the Lord, "O Lord my God, have you brought calamity even upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by killing her son?" Then he stretched himself upon the child three times and cried to the Lord, "O Lord my God, let this child's life[a] come into him again." And the Lord listened to the voice of Elijah. And the life of the child came into him again, and he revived. And Elijah took the child and brought him down from the upper chamber into the house and delivered him to his mother. And Elijah said, "See, your son lives." And the woman said to Elijah, "Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the Lord in your mouth is truth."

The New Testament Reading: Ephesians 3:13-21

So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory. For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family[a] in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Pastor: In honor of our Lord Jesus Christ, we rise for the reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 7th Chapter.

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

The Gospel Reading: Luke 7:11-17

Soon afterward he went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. As he drew near to the gate of the town, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow, and a considerable crowd from the town was with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." Then he came up and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." And the dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited his people!" And this report about him spread through the whole of Judea and all the surrounding country.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

(Please be seated)

Sermon Hymn: O God, Our Help in Ages Past

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Sermon

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 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.

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 and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

Benediction

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
People: **Amen**

The Recessional: Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng

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Postlude – Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng

† *Service Participants* †

Proclaimer:	Rev. Matthew Barry
Music Director:	Mark Killinger
The Organist:	Sandra Quinlan
The Elders:	Bill Bishop & James Neill
The Acolyte:	Josiah Ackerman (8:00) Carley Rockovich (10:30)
The Greeters:	Bill & Carole Schrag (8:00) Steve & Lori Gauger & Megan (10:30)
The Ushers:	Larry Zreliak, Dale Miller Barb & Wayne Oechslein (8:00) Ross Chilcott, Dan Harris & Chuck LaJeunesse (10:30)
Altar Guild:	Kathleen Conn & Mary Hutula
Nursery 10:30 service:	Marian Oelschlager & Megan Pasquini

Last Week in Worship

Sunday Worship Attendance (11/1) - 185

Wednesday Attendance (11/4) - 37

Sunday Offering (11/1) - \$6,570.00

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

Week of Nov. 8th – Nov. 15th

SUNDAY 11/8	8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion 9:30 AM –Adult Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30 AM – Worship w/Communion FOOD BANK COLLECTION
MONDAY 11/9	
TUESDAY 11/10	6:00 PM – Children’s Choir Practice 7:00 PM – Adult Choir Practice 7:30 PM – Elder’s Meeting
WEDNESDAY 11/11	7:00PM – Prayer, Preaching and Small Groups
THURSDAY 11/12	10:00 – Bible Study (Conference Room) Men’s Retreat @ Camp Pioneer
FRIDAY 11/13	Men’s Retreat @ Camp Pioneer
SATURDAY 11/14	Men’s Retreat @ Camp Pioneer
SUNDAY 11/15	8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion 9:30 AM –Sunday School & Apologetics Class 10:30 AM – Worship w/Communion 12:00PM – Apologetics Seminar w/ Lunch Men’s Retreat @ Camp Pioneer