

Zion Lutheran Church



Last Sunday of End Times
November 22nd, 2015

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by John & Jean Endler in Memory of Loved Ones and Bernice DeBoe in Memory of her husband Bob DeBoe's birthday.

ETERNAL LIGHT is given by Andy & Rochelle Thompson in Memory of loved ones.

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.)

THANKSGIVING: We will be having a Thanksgiving Eve (Wednesday, 7:00pm) Worship Service right here at Zion! Mark your calendar to join us in giving thanks for all the Lord's grace and goodness to us!

ADVENT. Our Midweek Advent Services begin on December 2nd. Join us on Wednesdays in December at 7:00pm as we take a look at the Four Advents.

ADVENT DINNER. If you are hungry and in a hurry, join us for dinner before our Advent Services. 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.

USHERS NEEDED! Please consider volunteering to be an usher for early or late service for 2016. The sign-up sheet is in the narthex. Contact Larry Zreliak with any questions!

GIVING TREE is set up in the back of the church. Please consider taking an angel to purchase a gift for a child for Christmas. Please contact Barb Oechslein with any questions.

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.

CHRISTMAS CHURCH DECORATING! Mark your calendars! Dec. 6th after the 10:30 service we will be decorating the church for the Christmas season. Lunch will be provided!

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!

POINSETTIA ORDERS for Christmas Eve service can be purchased until Sunday Dec. 6th! The cost is \$6.75 each.

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!

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 Series continues as we begin our study on the Lord's Supper. Today, our focus is on the Last Supper; the meal Jesus had with his disciples on the night on which he was betrayed and the day before he was killed. We'll take a look at what happened on that night, when and why.

The most important question other than what the meaning of "is" is when it comes to the Lord's Supper is: what day did it happen? Was the Lord's Supper celebrated on the day of the Jewish Passover, or was it celebrated on the day before the Passover, the so-called "Day of Preparation"? How you answer this question will color how you understand the symbolic meaning behind the elements of the Supper. (More on this in the sermon.)

The sermon this week will coordinate with next week's message on the Lord's Supper itself, where we'll take a look at what it is we are receiving, how we should receive it, and a number of other issues surrounding the Supper.

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: I Love Your Kingdom, Lord 651

The Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Confession of Sins

People: Father in heaven, I confess that I have sinned. I have done what is evil in your sight and deserve your righteous judgment. But I know that Jesus died for me, he conquered death for me, he has ascended into heaven for me. Therefore, glorify your name by forgiving me of all my sins. Grant me a share of that eternal life which is found only in Christ. I ask this in his name. Amen.

Absolution Spoken by the Pastor

People: Amen.

Hymn of Praise: This Is the Feast 155

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)

Baptism of London Killinger (10:30am Service)

Welcoming of New Members: Anthony and Victoria Ventura

The Service of the Word

The Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 23: 16-32

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock. You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth. Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh, stir up your might and come to save us! Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved! O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers? You have fed them with the bread of tears and given them tears to drink in full measure. You make us an object of contention for our neighbors, and our enemies laugh among themselves. Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved! You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it. You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land. The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches. It sent out its branches to the sea and its shoots to the River. Why then have you broken down its walls, so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit? The boar from the forest ravages it, and all that move in the field feed on it. Turn again, O God of hosts! Look down from heaven, and see; have regard for this vine, the stock that your right hand planted, and for the son whom you made strong for yourself. They have burned it with fire; they have cut it down; may they perish at the rebuke of your face! But let

your hand be on the man of your right hand, the son of man whom you have made strong for yourself! Then we shall not turn back from you; give us life, and we will call upon your name! Restore us, O Lord God of hosts! Let your face shine, that we may be saved!

The New Testament Reading: 1Corinthians 10:14-22

Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry. I speak as to sensible people; judge for yourselves what I say. The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread. Consider the people of Israel: are not those who eat the sacrifices participants in the altar? What do I imply then? That food offered to idols is anything, or that an idol is anything? No, I imply that what pagans sacrifice they offer to demons and not to God. I do not want you to be participants with demons. You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons. You cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons. Shall we provoke the Lord to jealousy? Are we stronger than he?

Pastor: In honor of our Lord Jesus Christ, we rise for the reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 26th Chapter.

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

The Gospel Reading: Matthew 26: 17-35

Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Where will you have us prepare for you to eat the Passover?" He said, "Go into the city to a certain man and say to him, 'The Teacher says, My time is at hand. I will keep the Passover at your house with

my disciples.”¹⁹ And the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover.

When it was evening, he reclined at table with the twelve. And as they were eating, he said, “Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me.” And they were very sorrowful and began to say to him one after another, “[s it], Lord?” He answered, “He who has dipped his hand in the dish with me will betray me. The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born.” Judas, who would betray him, answered, “[s it], Rabbi?” He said to him, “You have said so.”

Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is my body.” And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.”

And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them, “You will all fall away because of me this night. For it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’ But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.” Peter answered him, “Though they all fall away because of you, I will never fall away.” Jesus said to him, “Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times.” Peter said to him, “Even if I must die with you, I will not deny you!” And all the disciples said the same.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

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 - Thanksgiving "A Medley of Hymns"- Adult Choir (10:30)

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: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Life up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless

love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored; heaven and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name. Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord; truly blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross and life-giving tree for all who trust in Him. We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that comes to us in His body and blood. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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.

The Words of Institution

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.

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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
Feed Thy Children, God Most Holy	774
Thine Forever, God of Love	687

Benediction

People: Amen

The Recessional: Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me 761

Postlude

† *Service Participants* †

Pastor:	Rev. Duncan McLellan
Music Director:	Mark Killinger
The Organist:	Sandra Quinlan
The Elders:	Bill Bishop & James Neill
The Acolyte:	Chris Yellig (8:00) Anna Gresh (10:30)
The Greeters:	Bernice DeBoe (8:00) Janet & Marian Oelschlager(10:30)
The Ushers:	Larry Zreliak, Dale Miller Barb & Wayne Oechslein (8:00) Dan Harris, Ross Chilcott,& Chuck LaJeunesse (10:30)
Altar Guild:	Kathleen Conn & Mary Hutula
Nursery 10:30 service:	Megan Glasser & Deb Sturba

Last Week in Worship

Sunday Worship Attendance (11/15) - 197

Wednesday Attendance (11/18) - 39

Sunday Offering (11/15) - \$4,410.00

Online Offering - \$1035.00

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

Week of Nov. 22nd - 29th

SUNDAY 11/22	8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion 9:30 AM –Adult Bible Study (Mark) & Sunday School 10:30 AM – Worship w/Communion & Children’s Church 12:00 AM – Stephen Ministry Supervision (Conf. Rm.) 12:00PM – Events Committee Mtg (Fellowship Hall)
MONDAY 11/23	
TUESDAY 11/24	6:00 PM – Children’s Choir Practice 6:30 PM – Sunday School Meeting 7:00 PM – Adult Choir Practice
WEDNESDAY 11/25	7:00PM – Thanksgiving Eve Service
THURSDAY 11/26	Happy Thanksgiving!
FRIDAY 11/27	
SATURDAY 11/28	
SUNDAY 11/29	8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion 9:30 AM –Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM – Worship w/Communion