

# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS  
JANUARY 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2016

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by the Pasquini Family in Honor of Decklan's 7<sup>th</sup> Birthday and The Klemash family in memory of Loved Ones.

**ETERNAL LIGHT** is given by the Pasquini Family in Honor of Decklan's 7<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

**BIBLE IN A YEAR** readings are available here in your bulletin, on our church's website and in your monthly Zion Newsletter. Join us as we read the Bible in a Year in 2016!

**2/10/66.** Yes, we're doing it again! We are going through all 66 books of the Bible in 10 hours over 2 days. Starting this Friday evening and again on Saturday, we'll be going on a "crash course" in Bible Basics. A sign-up sheet is located in the church entryway. Details are available on a bulletin insert. Please join us!

**OPERATION STARS & STRIPES** collections have begun. Please donate items for this great mission. Donations will be taken until the end of January.

**YOUTH GROUP** will be having an event TODAY- Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup> from 5:00-7:00 PM @ Zion. Join Joe and your friends for a game of Duck Tape Paddle Ball!

**SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY.** THIS WEDNESDAY, we will jump back in to our study of Romans. Come and join us as we study the book of Romans together. The fun starts January 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

**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.)

**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!

**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](http://www.zlcb.org/sermons)

# Welcome to worship!

This morning we begin our Bible in a Year in worship! What does this mean? The sermons in 2016 will be based on something you read the previous week for your Bible in a Year readings. (Kind of like what we did back in 2012.) Except for this week. Our Scripture lessons are the Bible in a Year readings for today, January 3<sup>rd</sup>. The sermon will be based on Mark 3, which, for those of you who have been going to our Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class (which is currently studying Mark), will come as somewhat of a review.

Our focus this morning is going to be on the end of Mark 3, where Jesus' mother and brothers come to a house where he is either teaching or healing or both. They can't get to him because of the obligatory crowds that followed Jesus wherever he went. Jesus is told that his mother and brothers are outside and want to speak with him. Jesus then says that his mother and brothers are those who are around him, those who are doing the will of God.

What is the will of God? We often talk about something being "God's will," or living our life in God's will, or labeling something as being outside or against God's will. But if you had to write a one-sentence definition of what God's will is, could you do it?

This morning, we take a look at what God's will is according to the Gospel of Mark. I think you will be pleasantly surprised when you discover what, exactly, it is! 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: O Sing of Christ*

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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: This morning, as we prepare to hear the Word of God read and proclaimed, receive the body and blood of Christ in the fellowship of this altar, and respond to the grace of God with our prayers and songs of praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess our sins to God, trusting in his mercy through our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**People: Father in heaven, you have been good to me, providing me with my daily bread and all that I need to sustain this body and life. You sent your only son into the world to die on the cross for my sins and conquer death in his resurrection; you have made more than adequate provision for me to live eternally with you in your kingdom. But I have chosen to rebel against you and have sinned in thought, word and deed. Have mercy on me. Forgive my sins and teach me to walk in obedience all the days of my life. I ask this in Jesus' name. 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: Psalm 3**

O Lord, how many are my foes!

Many are rising against me;

many are saying of my soul,

there is no salvation for him in God. *Selah*

But you, O Lord, are a shield about me,

my glory, and the lifter of my head.

I cried aloud to the Lord,

and he answered me from his holy hill. *Selah*

I lay down and slept;

I woke again, for the Lord sustained me.

I will not be afraid of many thousands of people  
who have set themselves against me all around.

Arise, O Lord!

Save me, O my God!

For you strike all my enemies on the cheek;  
you break the teeth of the wicked.

Salvation belongs to the Lord;  
your blessing be on your people! *Selah*

**Pastor:** In honor of our Lord Jesus Christ, we rise for the reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Chapter.

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

### **The Gospel Reading: Mark 3**

Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there with a withered hand. And they watched Jesus, to see whether he would heal him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse him. And he said to the man with the withered hand, "Come here." And he said to them, "Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do harm, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. And he looked around at them with anger, grieved at their hardness of heart, and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. The Pharisees went out and immediately held counsel with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

Jesus withdrew with his disciples to the sea, and a great crowd followed, from Galilee and Judea and Jerusalem and Idumea and from beyond the Jordan and from around Tyre and Sidon. When the great crowd heard all that he was doing, they came to him. And he told his disciples to have a boat ready for him because of the crowd, lest they crush him, for he had healed many, so that all who had diseases pressed around him to touch him. And whenever the unclean spirits

saw him, they fell down before him and cried out, "You are the Son of God." And he strictly ordered them not to make him known.

And he went up on the mountain and called to him those whom he desired, and they came to him. And he appointed twelve (whom he also named apostles) so that they might be with him and he might send them out to preach and have authority to cast out demons. He appointed the twelve: Simon (to whom he gave the name Peter); James the son of Zebedee and John the brother of James (to whom he gave the name Boanerges, that is, Sons of Thunder); Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

Then he went home, and the crowd gathered again, so that they could not even eat. And when his family heard it, they went out to seize him, for they were saying, "He is out of his mind."

And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem were saying, "He is possessed by Beelzebul," and "by the prince of demons he casts out the demons." And he called them to him and said to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but is coming to an end. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man. Then indeed he may plunder his house.

"Truly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the children of man, and whatever blasphemies they utter, but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"— for they were saying, "He has an unclean spirit."

And his mother and his brothers came, and standing outside they sent to him and called him. And a crowd was sitting around him, and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers are outside, seeking you." And he answered them, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And looking about at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! For whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother."

**Pastor:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

(Please be seated)

***Sermon Hymn: O Bless the Lord, My Soul***

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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)

***The Collection of the Offering***

***Offertory: M@ZE***

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: As we prepare to receive the body and blood of Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us all together pray the prayer our Lord has given 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.**

## *The Words of Institution*

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*

I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table

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Hear Us, Father, When We Pray 773  
Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying 826

***Benediction***

People: Amen

***The Recessional: A Great and Mighty Wonder*** 383

***Postlude***

## † *Service Participants* †

Pastor:	Rev. Duncan McLellan
Music Director:	Mark Killinger
The Organist:	Doug Krantz
The Elders:	TBD
The Acolyte:	Augie Bishop (8:00) Leah Luedeman (10:30)
The Greeters:	Carl & Karen Bauer (8:00) Eric & Michelle Hunsberger & Family(10:30)
The Ushers:	Kathleen Conn, Bill Schrag (8:00) Janet & Larry Zreliak Sam Dragan, Steve Gauger (10:30)
Altar Guild:	Kari & John Gresh Janet, Marian & Molly Oelschlager
Nursery:	Brittany Dill & Sharon Bogden

### **Last Week in Worship**

Wednesday Advent Offering (12/23) - \$294.00

Christmas Eve Offering (12/24) - \$4,747.00

Christmas Day Offering (12/25) - \$717.00

Sunday Offering (12/27) - \$6,637.00

Online Offering - \$1,235.00

Wednesday Advent Attendance (12/23) - 40

Christmas Eve Attendance (12/24) -234

Christmas Day Attendance (12/25) - 67

Sunday Worship Attendance (12/27) -166

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# *Week of Jan.3<sup>rd</sup> - Jan.10<sup>th</sup>*

<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>1/3</b>	8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion 9:30 AM –Sunday School & Adult Bible Study (Mark) 10:30 AM – Worship w/Communion & Children’s Church 12:00 PM – Board of Education Meeting 5:00-7:00 PM – Youth Event - Duck Tape Paddle Ball
<b>MONDAY</b> <b>1/4</b>	
<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>1/5</b>	9:00 AM – Moms in Prayer 6:00 PM – Children’s Choir 7:00 PM – Adult Choir
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>1/6</b>	7:00 PM – Service of Prayer and Preaching & Romans Bible Study
<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>1/7</b>	10:00 AM – Bible Study 7:30 PM – Elders Meeting
<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>1/8</b>	6:00 – 9:00 PM – Bible in 10 Hours
<b>SATURDAY</b> <b>1/9</b>	10:00 AM – 5:00 PM – Bible in 10 Hours
<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>1/10</b>	8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion 9:30 AM –Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM – Worship w/Communion FOOD BANK COLLECTION