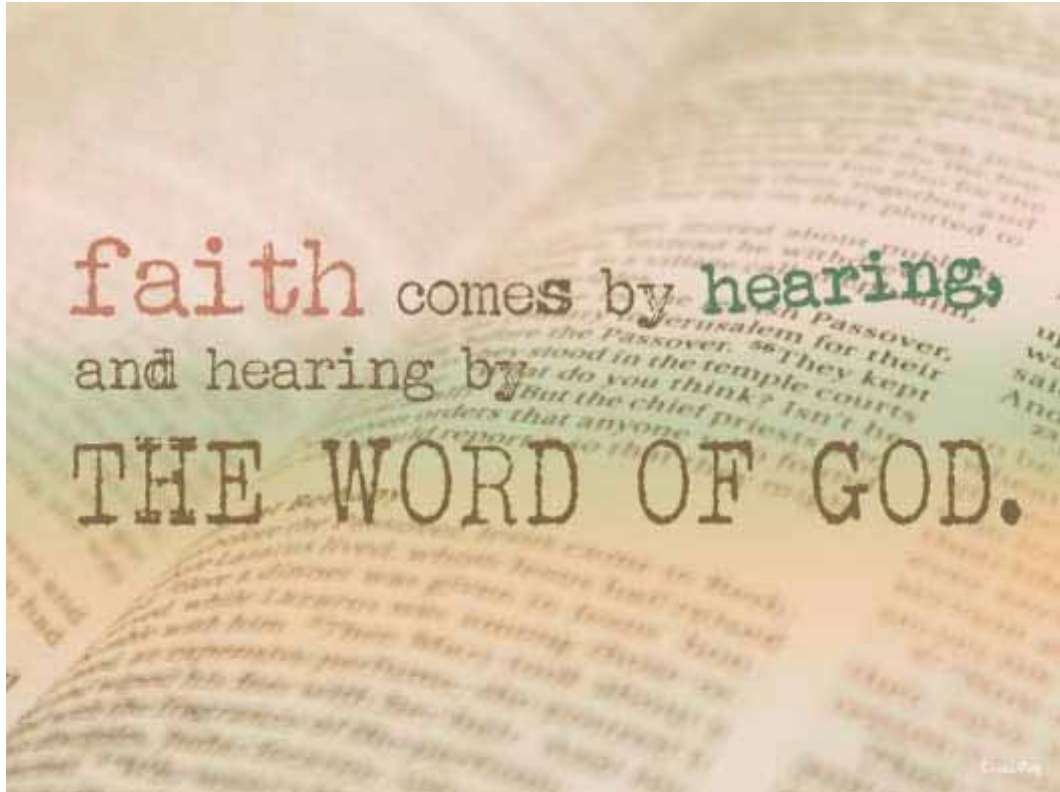


# Zion Lutheran Church



Service of Prayer and Preaching  
January 13<sup>th</sup> 2016



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ART SHOW.** Zion's first-ever art show will be here next Saturday evening (refreshments will be provided). Come and enjoy, or come and show your art for your Zion family.

**VOTERS' MEETING.** On January 24<sup>th</sup> we will be having a Voters' Meeting in between the services to vote on changes to our church's Constitution (to help it better reflect the ministry and mission we are doing). The proposed changes to the Constitution are available in the narthex area and online.

**DID YOU KNOW** that sermons, bulletins, and printed and audio versions of our Bible in a Year readings are all available on our website. Also new to ZLCB.ORG is a section where you can meet the staff! (Jim and Sandy, we still need your bios and pictures. No rush, but we miss you on there!)

**ADD ME TO THE LIST!** If you are not currently on our email prayer chain and would like to be added to the prayer chain please contact the church secretaries by phone or email ([secretary@zlc.org](mailto:secretary@zlc.org))!!

# Welcome to worship!

Are you still recovering from last week's study on Romans 9 and the concept of Divine Predestination? I had fun going around to the different small groups that met after the service to listen to what you were wrestling with, and how you are progressing through one of the most difficult texts in the New Testament. This week, Paul gives us a little bit of a break, as he focuses on the state of the Jewish people in his day, God's plan and means of salvation, and how the Old Testament clearly foretold the salvation of the Gentiles.

What can we take away from this?

As I was preparing for this week's small group Bible Study, two themes kept through in Paul's writing: God wanting all to be saved; God restricting his saving activity to creating faith in people as a result of the gospel of Jesus being spoken to them.

This gives us a tremendous responsibility—and privilege, purpose and mission—to speak the name of Jesus to all people; whether we think they will come to faith or not. “Faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.”

God bless your time in worship this evening!  
-Pastor Duncan

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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 10:5-17

For Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. But the righteousness based on faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the

good news!” But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?” So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

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, 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 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.**