

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
JANUARY 17TH, 2016

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by The Fitzgerald Family in memory of Jackie Herschaft and The Oelschlager Family in Honor of Molly's Birthday.
- **ETERNAL LIGHT** is given by The Kroeger Family in Memory of Gertrude Kroeger and in Honor of Jean Walker, our beloved Moms, Grandmas and Great-Grandmas.
- **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!
- **OPERATION STARS & STRIPES** collections have begun. Please donate items for this great mission. Donations will be taken until the end of January. We currently have Raman Noodles -66, Granola Bars – 36, Packs of Gum – 9, Drink mix singles – 127 and Slim Jim's - 208
- **YOUTH GROUP** will be having their next event on Jan. 24th from 5-7:00pm. Be ready for a Blow Dart Battle!
- **SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY.** Wednesday's we will continue our study of Romans. Come and join us as we study the book of Romans together. The fun starts 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!!
- **BELL CHOIR.** We are looking to expand our music ministry and need your help! We are in the process of establishing a hand bell choir here at Zion! **THE FIRST THING WE NEED TO DO IS BUY HANDBELLS. WHICH, AS YOU MIGHT IMAGINE, ARE NOT CHEAP.** If you would like to give to this ministry, please note on the MEMO LINE OF YOUR CHECK (OR, IF YOU ARE GIVING CASH, ON THE OFFERING ENVELOPE) that you would like to give to the hand bell choir. Thank for you for support of the music ministry here at Zion! **AND STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OUR HANDBELL CHOIR!**
- **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

Welcome to worship!

This morning we are going to take a look at our Bible in a Year reading for today, Genesis 4. Cain and Abel. A familiar and tragic story about the murder of Abel by his brother. What leads one man to kill another? Is there something different in the soul of one man that makes him lash out in violence against another? Are we all, in our inmost being, the same? What made Cain kill Abel, but not Abel Cain?

Without pulling the rug out from under the as-yet-unwritten sermon, I think you'll be challenged by what you hear this morning. If you are at all confident in yourself—who you are, your character and your outward piety—this message will challenge you and (hopefully) make you uncomfortable. The book of Genesis teaches us that we all have a common ancestor: Adam. We all share in the Fall into sin and we all stand in need of a Savior. "There is no difference," Paul tells us, "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." But there is more to our common ancestry than a need for a Savior; there is a need for us to continue to keep our old nature in check, for the same nature that led Cain to kill his brother, still wants to lay claim to us, especially those of us who are in Christ.

Looking forward to preaching on this challenging text!
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: As with Gladness Men of Old 397

The Invocation

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

People: Amen.

Confession of Sins

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ, it is good that you are here. Together, we will hear the word of God read and proclaimed, and share in the body and blood of Christ in the supper that bears his name. But first, let us also together confess our sins, admitting to one another that none of us is righteous on our own, and that we all together stand in need of God's forgiveness in Christ.

People: Lord Jesus Christ, I confess to you, and to my church family that I have sinned. You have clearly revealed in your word how I am to live. I have intentionally ignored your word and have tried to do things my way. And, when I have tried to do things your way, the weakness of my flesh has made true obedience impossible. Forgive me. Strengthen my faith in you and my commitment to walk in your ways all the days of my life, to bring glory to your name. Amen.

Absolution Spoken by the Pastor

People: Amen.

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 Casper Kroeger Carter

Godparents: Matthew & Erica Wilson

(10:30am Service)

The Service of the Word

The Old Testament Reading: Genesis 4:1-16

Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, "I have gotten a man with the help of the Lord." And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground. In the course of time Cain brought to the Lord an offering of the fruit of the ground, and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the Lord had regard for Abel and his offering, but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face

fell. The Lord said to Cain, "Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, but you must rule over it."

Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. Then the Lord said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?" And the Lord said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground. And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth." Cain said to the Lord, "My punishment is greater than I can bear. Behold, you have driven me today away from the ground, and from your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me." Then the Lord said to him, "Not so! If anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold." And the Lord put a mark on Cain, lest any who found him should attack him. Then Cain went away from the presence of the Lord and settled in the land of Nod, east of Eden.

Psalm of the Day:

Psalm 17

Hear a just cause, O Lord; attend to my cry!
Give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit!
From your presence let my vindication come!
Let your eyes behold the right!
You have tried my heart, you have visited me by night,
you have tested me, and you will find nothing;
I have purposed that my mouth will not transgress.
With regard to the works of man, by the word of your lips
I have avoided the ways of the violent.

My steps have held fast to your paths;
my feet have not slipped.
I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God;
incline your ear to me; hear my words.
Wondrously show your steadfast love,
O Savior of those who seek refuge
from their adversaries at your right hand.
Keep me as the apple of your eye;
hide me in the shadow of your wings,
from the wicked who do me violence,
my deadly enemies who surround me.
They close their hearts to pity;
with their mouths they speak arrogantly.
They have now surrounded our steps;
they set their eyes to cast us to the ground.
He is like a lion eager to tear,
as a young lion lurking in ambush.
Arise, O Lord! Confront him, subdue him!
Deliver my soul from the wicked by your sword,
from men by your hand, O Lord,
from men of the world whose portion is in this life.
You fill their womb with treasure;
they are satisfied with children,
and they leave their abundance to their infants.
As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness;
when I awake, I shall be satisfied with your likeness.

Pastor: In honor of our Lord Jesus Christ, we rise for the reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th Chapter.

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

New Testament Reading: Matthew 5:21-26

“You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’ But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire. So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

(Please be seated)

Sermon Hymn: The Church’s One Foundation

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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 - Reverence - Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing (10:30 service)

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: 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)

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

Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face	631
O God of Love, O King of Peace	751
Take My Life and Let It Be	783

Benediction

People: **Amen**

The Recessional: Songs of Thankfulness and Praise **394**

Postlude

† *Service Participants* †

Pastor:	Rev. Duncan McLellan
Music Director:	Mark Killinger
The Organist:	Sandra Quinlan
The Elders:	Mike Sterba & John Gielarowski
The Acolyte:	Joey Ackerman (8:00) Carley Rockovich (10:30)
The Greeters:	Jack & Jacque Oelschlager (8:00) Norm & Brittany Dill & Family(10:30)
The Ushers:	Kathleen Conn, Bill Schrag (8:00) Janet & Larry Zreliak Sam Dragan, Steve Gauger (10:30) Kari & John Gresh
Altar Guild:	Mary Hutula & Elsie DallaPiazza
Nursery:	Kristen Neil & Debbie Sterba

Last Week in Worship

Sunday Worship Attendance (1/10) – 229

Wednesday Attendance (1/13) – 30

Sunday Offering (1/10) - \$5,186.61

Online Offering (1/4-1/6) - \$1,205.00

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

Week of Jan.17th – Jan.24th

SUNDAY 1/17	8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion 9:30 AM –Sunday School & Adult Bible Study (Mark) 10:30 AM – Worship w/Communion
MONDAY 1/18	
TUESDAY 1/19	9:00 AM – Moms in Prayer 6:00 PM – Children’s Choir 7:00 PM – Adult Choir
WEDNESDAY 1/20	7:00 PM – Service of Prayer and Preaching & Romans Bible Study
THURSDAY 1/21	10:00 AM – Bible Study
FRIDAY 1/22	
SATURDAY 1/23	
SUNDAY 1/24	8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion 9:15 AM –Sunday School & Voters Meeting 10:30 AM – Worship w/Communion & Children’s Church 5:00 – 7:00 PM – Youth Event – Blow Dart Battle