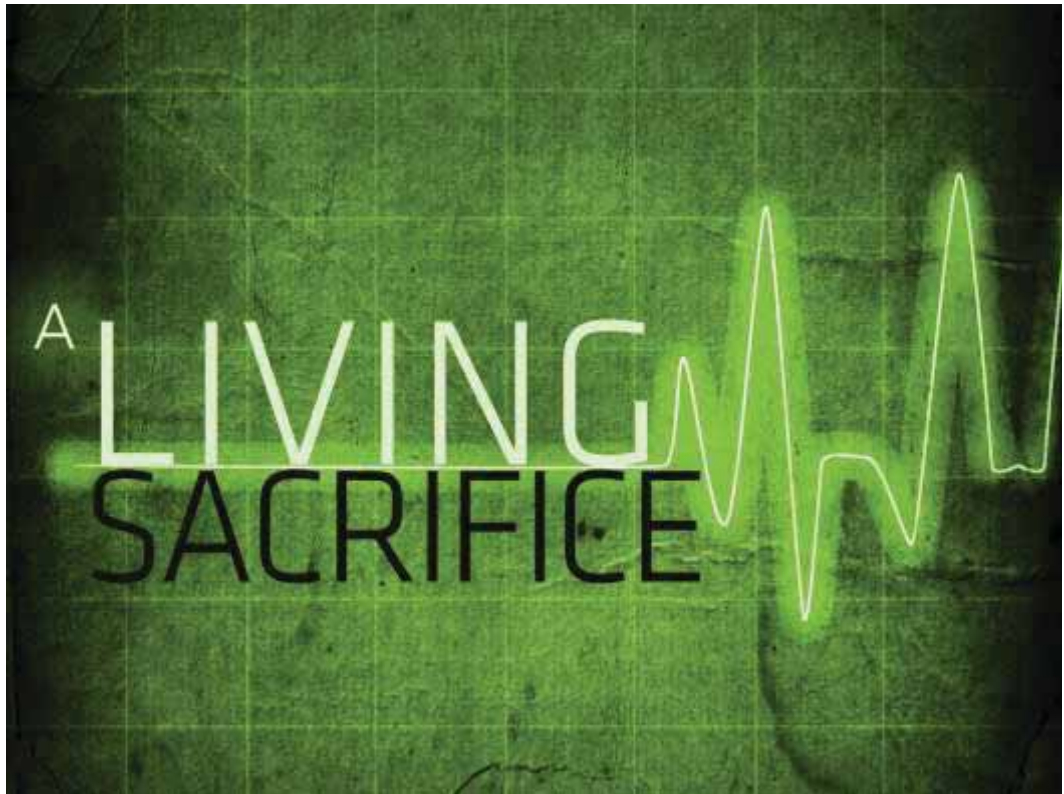


Zion Lutheran Church



**Service of Prayer and Preaching
January 20th 2016**



ANNOUNCEMENTS

ART SHOW. Thank you for making our first-ever art show a success! A good time was had by all who came to view the artwork of so many of Zion's own. Fellowship and food were the proverbial icing on the cake. Thanks to all who participated and who put the event together!

VOTERS' MEETING. On January 24th 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@zlcb.org)!!

REV. CARLSON will be leading our worship service. Rev. Carlson is the newly-installed Pastor at our sister congregation, Peace Lutheran, in McMurray. We welcome Rev. Carlson to Zion and his family (wife and five children, 9 and under) to the Pittsburgh area!

Welcome to worship!

So what?

So far, in our study of Romans, Paul has laid out the case for the gospel. He has painstakingly taught that all people (Jews and Gentiles) stand under the Law and are judged by it. None is righteous; all are controlled by the flesh and cannot save themselves. And so God sent Jesus into the world to lay down his life as a sacrifice that sufficiently atoned for the sins of the world. Now, those who are under the controlling influence of the Holy Spirit (made evident by faith in the heart and professing Christ as Lord by the tongue) are saved.

So what are we to make of the extravagant mercy and love of God? What is our response to the salvation God has freely given us? Are we to say “thank you,” and then be on our way, or does the mercy and grace and God not only transform our identity, but also radically change our lives—our priorities and values? This evening, we will be taking a look at the opening verses of Romans 12, where Paul makes the practical implications from the Gospel he has just taught. What should our response to the grace and mercy of God in Christ be? Paul tells us very clearly: we are to make our bodies living sacrifices to the God of our salvation, having our minds transformed by the knowledge of Christ and faith in the Gospel.

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 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

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.