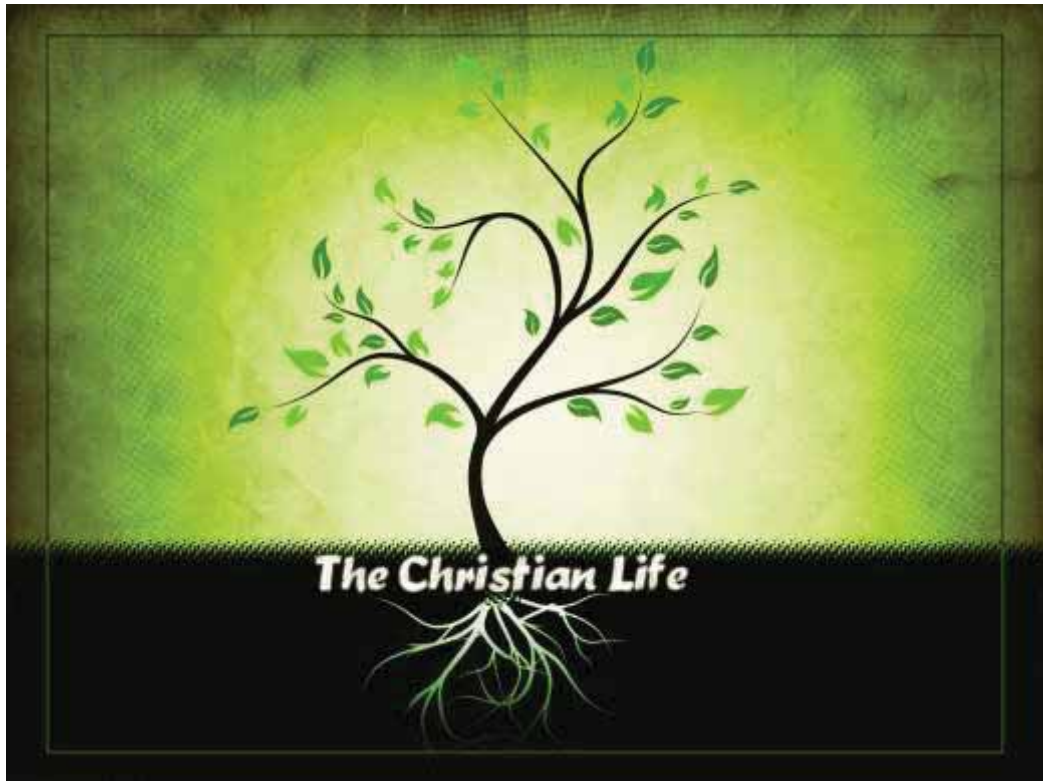


Zion Lutheran Church



Service of Prayer and Preaching
January 27th 2016



ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAMILY FUN NIGHT. Coming in February, Zion's Events Committee will be sponsoring a Family Fun Night. There will be trivia for the adults, a magician and balloons for the kids, and much more. Come and join your Zion family on February 20th for a Family Fun Night!

VICARAGE. Thanks to the generosity of an anonymous member family, Zion has the opportunity to re-enter the Vicarage Program for the 2016-2017 Academic Year. Look for more information about the Vicarage Program and what it would mean for us, our ministry and mission in the Newsletter, online, and right here in the Worship Bulletin.

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. MARK JASA will be coming to Zion to lead a workshop on outreach and evangelism. Rev. Jasa has been doing outreach on college campuses across the country for over a decade and has a heart for the lost. Come, listen and participate; April 16-17 right here at Zion!

Welcome to worship!

This evening, our study of the book of Romans continues as we take a look at the second half of chapter twelve. After having presented the Gospel, Paul continues to give the personal/practical application to the church at Rome and you, the reader of his Epistle. How are we to live in view of the mercy of God to us in Jesus Christ?

Paul draws two distinctions in Christian living. First, he shows how we are to live and interact with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Second, he shows us how we are to conduct ourselves with people who do not know Christ in the world. In his instructions, he is careful to list things that Christians should do, as well as things (or attitudes) they should avoid.

Grace and forgiveness are free, but they do not come easy. Living the Christian life day in and day out is difficult. So difficult, in fact, that without the Holy Spirit's work in our lives it would be impossible. Fortunately for us, the same God who sent His Son to die on the cross for our sins has also sent the Holy Spirit into our hearts to compel us to live lives worthy of the calling we have received!

God bless your time in worship and Bible study this evening!
-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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Confession and Absolution

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

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ, before we listen to the Word of God read and proclaimed, and before we offer our prayers of thanksgiving and supplication to our Heavenly Father, let us first consider our unworthiness to do both and ask God for mercy to help us in our time of need.

People: **Father in heaven, I come before you at the end of another day of your grace and favor. I should be able to come before you with a joyful heart, but instead, I come to you as one burdened by my sins. Look upon me in mercy and, for the sake of Christ, forgive me. Renew a steadfast spirit within me, and lead me to greater faith and obedience. I ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Absolution Spoken by the Pastor

People: **Amen!**

The First Reading: Psalm 28

To you, O Lord, I call; my rock, be not deaf to me,

lest, if you be silent to me, I become like those who go down to the pit.

Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to you for help,

when I lift up my hands toward your most holy sanctuary.

Do not drag me off with the wicked, with the workers of evil,

who speak peace with their neighbors while evil is in their hearts.

Give to them according to their work and according to the evil of their deeds;

give to them according to the work of their hands; render them their due reward.

Because they do not regard the works of the Lord or the work of his hands,
he will tear them down and build them up no more.

Blessed be the Lord! For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.

The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped;
my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.

The Lord is the strength of his people; he is the saving refuge of his anointed.

Oh, save your people and bless your heritage!

Be their shepherd and carry them forever.

The Second Reading: Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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.