

Zion Lutheran Church



Third Sunday In Lent
February 28th, 2016

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by Elsie DallaPiazza in Memory of Loved ones and The Klemash Family in Memory of Loved ones.
- **ETERNAL LIGHT** is given by Tom & Kim Erbrecht in Honor of Kathy, Sarah & Tom's Birthdays.
- **BIBLE IN A YEAR** readings are available on our church's website and in your monthly Zion Newsletter. Join us as we read the Bible in a Year in 2016!
- **VOTERS MEETING!** There will be a Voters' Meeting on March 6th at 9:30am to vote on changes to the Constitution and to consider re-entering the Vicarage Program.
- **YOUTH GROUP.** Zion's Youth will be challenging their athletic abilities in a competitive game of Human Hungry Hungry Hippos! The fun starts at 5:00pm at Zion. Plan on having fun and bringing your friends!
- **LENT MIDWEEK WORSHIP.** The theme for our Wednesday services (7:00pm) in Lent will be the Last Week of Jesus' Life from the Gospel of Matthew. Come and worship with your Zion family!
- **SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED !** 1 station leader is still needed for the March unit, 'Mary of Bethany'. Available stations are Storytelling, Games, Science and Music. Contact Katie Gielarowski or the church secretary to volunteer.
- **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!**
- **ADULT CHOIR** rehearsals are Tuesdays from 6:45-7:45PM. 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!
- **MEN'S BIBLE BREAKFAST** is back on at 8:00am down in the Fellowship Hall. Hope to see you there!
- **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** continues this Tuesday at 7:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Talk to Alissa McLellan if you have any questions!
- **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!

Knowing your place on the food chain. When you don't know where you stand or where you line up, it's easy to embarrass yourself (at best), make a fatal mistake (at worst), or anything in between.

Knowing your place on the food chain. When a 92 Civic DX with a tin can hanging out the back thinks he can keep up with something labeled 5.0GT, SS, or SRT 392, someone doesn't know their place on the food chain. When a scrawny freshman tries to impress the senior Offensive Tackle in the weight room, someone doesn't know their place on the food chain. And when that same freshman takes it upon himself to correct his overly self-assured Ph.D Professor in his Introduction to General Education class at Second Chance University, he still doesn't know his place on the food chain.

This morning, we are going to take a look at a story from the book of Numbers that shows how far the Israelites were from knowing their place on the food chain. After God came to them, gave them the Law, the Priesthood, the Tabernacle, the Ceremonial Law that governed their relationship with him, and after he promised to be with them and bless them if only they kept his statutes and commands, they complain. Life is hard. They deserve more from God. Spoiled-child kind of complaining. They forgot that they were sinners in need of a Savior, sojourners in the wilderness who relied on God's daily provision of manna and quail to simply survive, rescued slaves from Egypt who owed their freedom to the mercy and grace of God.

We will also take a look at a parallel text from the Gospel of Luke, where Jesus teaches his disciples where they land on the "food chain." Both are humbling texts, but ones that highlight the undeserved mercy and charity of God.

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 - Nun danket alle Gott

Introduction to Worship and Announcements

Opening Hymn: The Lord, My God, Be Praised

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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, the text for our consideration from the book of Numbers tells about a time when the Israelites grumbled against the Lord. Even though He was providing manna and quail for them; and even though He had given instructions for the tabernacle and the priesthood, laws concerning sacrifices and holiness, and established the feast days for His people, they did not believe He was treating them fairly. They wanted more than they deserved and were ungrateful for what they had been given. In the same way, we have been ungrateful recipients of God's grace and generosity. We have deluded ourselves into thinking we deserve material and spiritual blessings greater than those of any who have come before us. But the reality is, because of our sin, we deserve nothing but divine punishment and wrath. Let us therefore confess our sins to God, trusting in His mercy through our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

People: Almighty God, we confess that we have been prideful and arrogant, ungrateful and greedy. We think too highly of ourselves, but fail to consider your righteousness and justice. We behave like spoiled children to you. Have mercy on us. Give us truly repentant hearts, a humble spirit, and faith to see your

generous provision for all our needs. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Absolution Spoken by the Pastor

People: Amen.

The Prayer of the Church

(Please be seated)

The Service of the Word

Old Testament Reading:

Numbers 14:1-12

Then all the congregation raised a loud cry, and the people wept that night. And all the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron. The whole congregation said to them, "Would that we had died in the land of Egypt! Or would that we had died in this wilderness! Why is the Lord bringing us into this land, to fall by the sword? Our wives and our little ones will become a prey. Would it not be better for us to go back to Egypt?" And they said to one another, "Let us choose a leader and go back to Egypt."

Then Moses and Aaron fell on their faces before all the assembly of the congregation of the people of Israel. And Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, who were among those who had spied out the land, tore their clothes and said to all the congregation of the people of Israel, "The land, which we passed through to spy it out, is an exceedingly good land. If the Lord delights in us, he will bring us into this land and give it to us, a land that flows with milk and honey. Only do not rebel against the Lord. And do not fear the people of the land, for they are bread for us. Their protection is removed from them, and the Lord is with us; do not fear them." Then all the congregation said to stone them with stones. But the glory of the Lord appeared at the tent of meeting to all the people of Israel.

And the Lord said to Moses, "How long will this people despise me? And how long will they not believe in me, in spite of all the signs that I have done among them? I will strike them with the pestilence and disinherit them, and I will make of you a nation greater and mightier than they."

Psalm of the Day:

Psalm 58

Do you indeed decree what is right, you gods?

Do you judge the children of man uprightly?

No, in your hearts you devise wrongs; your hands deal out violence on earth.

The wicked are estranged from the womb; they go astray from birth, speaking lies.

They have venom like the venom of a serpent, like the deaf adder that stops its ear,

so that it does not hear the voice of charmers or of the cunning enchanter.

O God, break the teeth in their mouths;

tear out the fangs of the young lions, O Lord!

Let them vanish like water that runs away;

when he aims his arrows, let them be blunted.

Let them be like the snail that dissolves into slime,

like the stillborn child who never sees the sun.

Sooner than your pots can feel the heat of thorns,

whether green or ablaze, may he sweep them away!

The righteous will rejoice when he sees the vengeance;

he will bathe his feet in the blood of the wicked.

Mankind will say, "Surely there is a reward for the righteous;

surely there is a God who judges on earth."

Pastor: In honor of our Lord Jesus Christ, we rise for the reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 17th Chapter.

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

Gospel Reading:

Luke 17:7-19

“Will any one of you who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, ‘Come at once and recline at table’? Will he not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterward you will eat and drink’? Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.’”

On the way to Jerusalem he was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.” When he saw them he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus’ feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus answered, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” And he said to him, “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

Sermon Hymn: Jesus, I will Ponder Now

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Sermon

(Please stand)

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth

and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God, begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

(Please be seated)

Offertory – When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (Adult Choir) ***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)

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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

Children of the Heavenly Father 725

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 686

O Christ, You Walked the Road 424

Benediction

People: **Amen**

The Recessional: All People That on Earth Do Dwell

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Postlude- Fantasia on Old Hundredth

† *Service Participants* †

Pastor:	Rev. Duncan McLellan
Music Director:	Mark Killinger
The Organist:	Sandra Quinlan
The Pianist:	Lindsey Faini
The Elders:	Paul Klemash & Shane Bryant
The Acolyte:	Augie Bishop (8:00) Leah Luedeman (10:30)
The Greeters:	Clara Hayes (8:00) John & Kari Gresh & Family(10:30)
The Ushers:	Melanie & Bill Becker (8:00) Shane Bryant & Michael Kozak Vince Kimberland, Bill Koester (10:30) Loren Luedeman & Richard Quinlan
Altar Guild:	Janet & Marian Oelschlager & Sarah Ali
Nursery:	Brittany Dill & Sharon Bogden

Last Week in Worship

Sunday Worship Attendance (2/21) – 208

Wednesday Attendance (2/24) – 39

Sunday Offering (2/21) - \$4,397.00

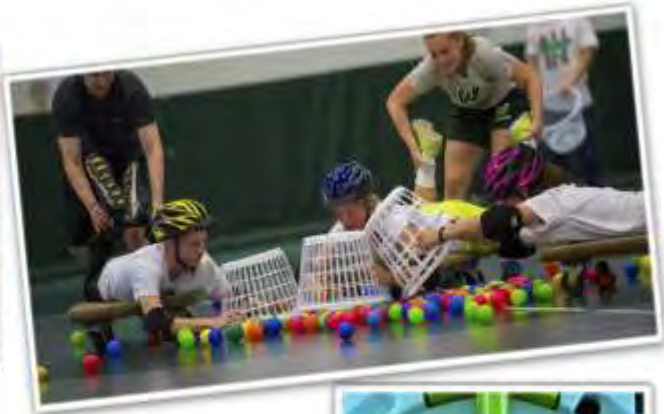
Lenten Offering (2/17) - \$561.00

Bell Choir Donations (2/21) - \$260.00

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

Week of Feb. 28th – March 6th

SUNDAY 2/28	8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion 9:15 AM – Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 10:30 AM – Worship w/Communion & Children’s Church
MONDAY 2/29	
TUESDAY 3/1	9:00 AM – Mom’s In Prayer 6:00 PM- Children’s Choir 6:45 PM – Adult Choir 7:30 PM – Women’s Bible Study
WEDNESDAY 3/2	7:00 PM – Lent Service
THURSDAY 3/3	10:00 AM – Bible Study 7:30 PM – Elders Meeting
FRIDAY 3/4	
SATURDAY 3/5	8:00 AM – Men’s Bible Breakfast
SUNDAY 3/6	8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion 9:15 AM – Sunday School & Voters Meeting 10:30 AM – Worship w/Communion 5:00 PM – Youth Event – Hungry Hungry Hippos



"TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH, I'M NOT EVEN THAT HUNGRY...
BUT WHEN I SEE THOSE MARBLES, I JUST LOVE IT."



Zion Youth Group

Hungry Hungry Hippos



When? **Sunday, March 6**

Time? **5-7:00pm**

Who? Anyone in Middle or High School

Where? Zion Lutheran Church

3197 Washington Pike, Bridgeville, PA

Questions?

Contact Joe Faini:

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