

Zion Lutheran Church



Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 1st 2016

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by Paul, Nancy & Andrew Klemash in Honor of Rachel's College Graduation and Ron & Judy Meier in Honor of Friends.
- **ETERNAL LIGHT** is given by John & Carrie Lemonovich in Memory of Richard Wible.
- **WHY DO WE DO THIS?** New to the bulletin is a "Why do we do this?" explanation for one of the elements of the Service. Have you ever wondered why we have "The Invocation" or speak the words of the Creed? Each week, one of the elements of the Service will be explained so you can know why we do what we do in worship.
- **CAR WASH!** Coming June 4th, Zion is going to have a Car Wash for our members and the people of our community! Not just suds and water, we are going to do the interiors, wheels and tires too! There will be food available. And, just like it has been in the past, it is absolutely free! Come and help out, or bring your car to be cleaned. Set-up starts at 9; the Car Wash starts at 10.
- **CAVE QUEST VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** is June 20-24. Volunteer forms are located in the Narthex or at www.zlcb.org/vbs. Registration opens Sunday, May 8th. Volunteer meetings is scheduled for Tuesday, May 31st. Contact Katie Gielarowski with any questions.
- **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** has started a new study, "Fight Back with Joy" join us Tuesday's from 7:30pm-8:45pm. Contact Alissa McLellan or Linda Kroeger with any questions.
- **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!
- **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 today after the late service. Kids age 7-12 are welcome! You don't need to know how to sing to be a part of this fun group; Mark will teach you!
- **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! You don't need to be a Bible Scholar; but being hungry helps.
- **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!

It's no secret that I like cars. I've spent more than my fair share of time sitting across a table from car salesmen, trying to drive home the best deal possible. I enjoy the game: I tell them what I think their car is worthy, and they try to convince me that it's worth significantly more. And around and around we go. Now, if I were to listen to what every salesman had to say about the cars they're trying to sell, I would have to believe that my humble Dodge Dart is a fast car, a fuel efficient car, the most technologically advanced car in the history of transportation, will last for at least 300,000 miles, and create in me all kinds of happiness and joy hitherto unobtainable. So pay up!

In these circumstances, it helps to know things like the true invoice price of the vehicle, how it actually stacks up against the competition, what rebates and discounts you qualify for, and what your car is worth on trade. I've found that information is your best friend when haggling with car salesmen. Information and stubbornness.

So what? Well in our Epistle Lesson, Paul is writing to Timothy about people who are trying to get the members of his church to abandon the faith and turn to false gods. In trying to do this, the troublemakers resort to tactics typically reserved for dishonest salespeople: making great boasts with little to back them up.

The same is going on today in the marketplace of ideas. Our faith is attacked by culture-at-large. The replacement for your faith that culture offers promises to be great; but is an empty well, a dead end, and a false bag of goods.

This morning, we are going to take a look at what Paul has to say about competing worldviews and the people who promote them, as well as the solid foundation given to us through the Gospel of the Lord Jesus.
God bless your time in worship this morning!

--Pastor Duncan McLellan

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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: Jesus Shall Reign

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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: O Almighty God, merciful Father,

People: **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter suffering and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful; being.**

Absolution Spoken by the Pastor

Hymn of Praise: This Is the Feast

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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)

The Service of the Word

Psalm of the Day:

Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills.

From where does my help come?

My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.

Behold, he who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is your keeper;
the Lord is your shade on your right hand.

The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.

The Lord will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.

The Lord will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time forth and forevermore.

New Testament Reading:

2 Timothy 3:10-4:8

You, however, have followed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions and sufferings that happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra—which persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil people and impostors will

go on from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

Pastor: In honor of our Lord Jesus Christ, we rise for the reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 15th Chapter.

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

Gospel Reading: **John 15:18-16:4**

“If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates

you. Remember the word that I said to you: 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours. But all these things they will do to you on account of my name, because they do not know him who sent me. If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have been guilty of sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin. Whoever hates me hates my Father also. If I had not done among them the works that no one else did, they would not be guilty of sin, but now they have seen and hated both me and my Father. But the word that is written in their Law must be fulfilled: 'They hated me without a cause.'

"But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning.

"I have said all these things to you to keep you from falling away. They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God. And they will do these things because they have not known the Father, nor me. But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told them to you.

"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

Sermon Hymn: Amazing Grace

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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 – I See You God – Children’s Choir (8:00 am)
– In Remembrance – Adult Choir (10:30 am)

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

Why do we do this? The Lord promises that in the Lord’s Supper he gives us his body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins, to strengthen our faith, and to give us an opportunity to proclaim his death until he comes again. While not necessary for salvation, the Lord’s Supper is a tremendous blessing for our Christian life and faith.

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

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 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

Take My Life

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Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

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I Lay My Sins on Jesus

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Benediction

People: Amen

The Recessional: The King of Love My Shepherd Is

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Postlude

† *Service Participants* †

Pastor:	Rev. Duncan McLellan
Music Director:	Mark Killinger
The Organist:	Sandra Quinlan
The Elders:	Michael Sterba & Robert Schmidt
The Acolyte:	Matt Liberatore (8:00) Leah Luedeman (10:30)
The Greeters:	Brent & Marianne Miller & Millie Thielet (8:00) Lee & Megan Glasser(10:30)
The Ushers:	Kathleen Conn, Bill Schrag (8:00) Janet & Larry Zreliak Debbie Ford, Bille Koester (10:30) Lois Sauro & Ted Siek
Altar Guild:	Barb Oechslein, Diana Schmidt Megan Pasquini
Nursery:	Alissa McLellan & Jessica Boyle

Last Week in Worship

Sunday Worship Attendance (4/24) – 202

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

Week of May 1st – May 8th

SUNDAY 5/1	8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion 9:15 AM – Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM – Worship w/Communion 11:45 AM – Children’s Choir Practice 5:00 PM – Youth Event - Movie Night
MONDAY 5/2	7:00 PM – Trustees Meeting
TUESDAY 5/3	6:45 PM – Adult Choir 7:30 PM – Women’s Bible Study
WEDNESDAY 5/4	7:00 PM – Mid Week Service
THURSDAY 5/5	10:00 AM – Bible Study 7:30 PM – Elders Meeting
FRIDAY 5/6	
SATURDAY 5/7	8:00 AM – Men’s Bible Breakfast
SUNDAY 5/8	8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion 9:30 AM – Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM – Worship w/Communion & Children’s Church 11:45 AM – Children’s Choir Practice

Today's Youth Event!

A promotional poster for a movie night event. The background is dark red with two film reels at the top. The text is white and yellow. At the bottom, there is a large image of a white and red striped popcorn bucket overflowing with yellow popcorn, sitting on a bed of popcorn. A small logo for 'Sincerely Yogurt' is visible in the middle left.

MOVIE NIGHT

WHEN? MAY 1
MOVIE? The Jungle Book
TIME? 5:00ish (Exact time to come)
WHO? Anyone in Middle or High School
WHERE? Chartiers Valley Stadium 18 -
1025 Washington Pike,
Bridgeville

DETAILS:
Bring money for a movie and
ICE CREAM! We will go to the
matinee around 5:00 and then
walk over to Sincerely Yogurt
for some ice cream. Please
drop off at the movie theater
and pick up at
Sincerely Yogurt.

