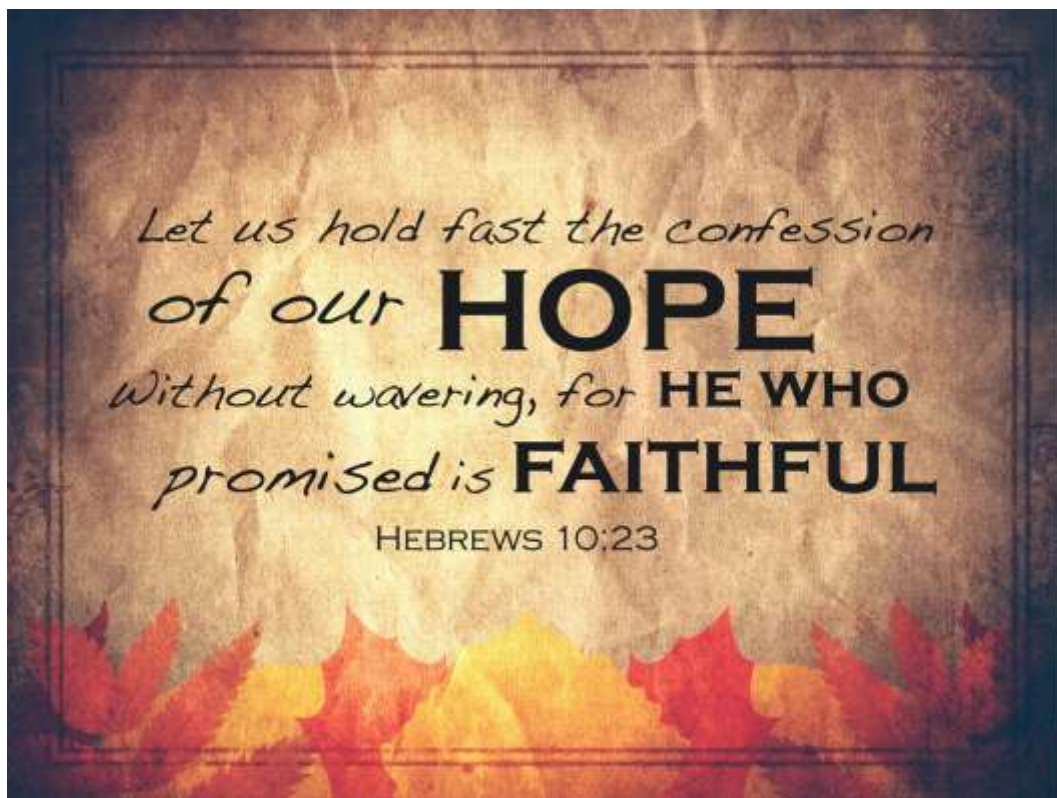


# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



SERVICE OF PRAYER AND  
PREACHING  
MAY 4<sup>TH</sup> 2016



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SERVICE PROJECT?** In the past, we have done Service Projects/ Work Weeks/ Mission Trips at Lutheran Camps across this great land of ours (most recently at Camp Pioneer) over the summer months. But the reality is, we've got nothing planned for this summer. If you are interested in going on a Service Project/ Work Week/ Mission Trip this summer, please let me know. It's not too late to put something together...

**CONFIRMATION.** Coming this fall, we will be starting a new Confirmation class for kids 6-8<sup>th</sup> grade to learn the basics of the Christian faith and become communicant members of the congregation. Look for more information in upcoming newsletters and in this place as we get closer to the summer season!

**2.10.66!** We've done it twice; will the third time be the charm? Going through all 66 books of the Bible over 10 hours and 2 days. Look for a sign-up sheet in the narthex area as we look at the interest level and possible times for doing a 3<sup>rd</sup> 2.10.66!

**CAR WASH!** We are going to have our 8<sup>th</sup> Car Wash here at Zion on June 4<sup>th</sup>. We'll need people to help out washing, waxing, drying, and cleaning the interiors of the cars we'll get. We also need people to help serve food. The Car Wash begins at 10:00; set-up starts at 9. If you want to come earlier than that, you can come to the 8:00 Bible Study & Breakfast at 8:00.

**PITTSBURGH LUTHERAN.** The Pittsburgh Lutheran is a monthly publication that informs the LCMS community of southwest Pennsylvania what other congregations are doing. This month is the first month that the Pittsburgh Lutheran has been edited and published by an intrepid and talented team from Zion!

# Welcome to worship!

Welcome to Worship!

This evening, we take a look at part of our Bible in a Year Reading for today, Hebrews 10:19-25. Having said that, Hebrews is a difficult book from which to preach. In all likelihood, Hebrews was originally written as a sermon, and as such moves the reader through related themes and ideas. Jumping into Chapter 10 without having the train-of-thought from Chapters 1-9 with us is a problem. It would be better for us to read the first 10 Chapters of Hebrews before listening to a sermon based on verses from the 10<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

But since that's not what we are going to do, let me try to bring you up to speed on several of the major themes of Hebrews up to this point. The major theme that dominates the book of Hebrews is the supremacy of Christ. Tangential to this are themes of the sufficiency of Christ (to save Jews and Gentiles), how the Old Testament fulfills what was missing from the Old Testament (he is new and better than what came before him), and especially how the priesthood of Christ renders the Old Testament Priesthood obsolete.

In our text, the author of Hebrews (we don't know who it is) gives us some of the practical applications that come from what Jesus has done for us, who he is, and who we have become because of him. There's a lot in these few short verses! I hope you have been as encouraged as I have been from spending time in Hebrews over the last few days; and that our study of this text will encourage you even more as you seek to live out your life with the confidence of knowing Christ as your savior.

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# The Service of Prayer and Preaching

## *Confession and Absolution*

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

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: This evening, our focus is on the importance of sound doctrine. We have been called to cling to what is good, and reject what is evil. But too often, we have tried to accommodate the futile thinking of this age with our Christ-centered faith. We have called disobedience compromise. Therefore, let us confess our sins to God, trusting in his mercy through our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

People: **Lord Jesus Christ, I confess to you that I have ignored the truth of Your Word, choosing friendship with the world over friendship with God. I have led myself astray. Forgive me. Return me to the truth of Your Word. Teach me to delight in the truth and to look for opportunities to demonstrate my faith in you through obedience to Your Word. I ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## *Absolution*

People: **Amen!**

## **The First Reading: Hebrews 10:19-25**

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and

good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

### **The Second Reading: Psalm 124**

If it had not been the Lord who was on our side—  
let Israel now say—  
if it had not been the Lord who was on our side  
when people rose up against us,  
then they would have swallowed us up alive,  
when their anger was kindled against us;  
then the flood would have swept us away,  
the torrent would have gone over us;  
then over us would have gone  
the raging waters.  
Blessed be the Lord,  
who has not given us  
as prey to their teeth!  
We have escaped like a bird  
from the snare of the fowlers;  
the snare is broken,  
and we have escaped!  
Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
who made heaven and earth.

### ***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: For... Let us pray to the Lord.  
**People: Lord, have mercy.**

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 Benediction***

Pastor: The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make His face shine upon us and be gracious to us. The Lord lift up His countenance upon us and give us peace.

**People: Amen.**