

# *Zion Lutheran Church*



*Second Sunday  
After Pentecost  
May 29<sup>th</sup> 2016*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by The Klemash Family – God Bless America.
- **ETERNAL LIGHT** are given by David & Mary Hutula in Memory of their dear friend Norma Lynch.
- **CAR WASH!** Coming June 4<sup>th</sup>, 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.
- **FIRE PIT!** After working the Car Wash, come around the back of the building to help us build up our fire pit! Starting at 2:00 on June 4<sup>th</sup> and going until the work is done, we'll be sure to break it in when we are done.
- **PASTOR'S GRADUATION** Please join us at 9:30 am on Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup> to celebrate Pastor McLellan's completion of the Masters of Arts in Theology and Ministry program at the Pittsburgh Theology Seminary. Light refreshments will be served during this hour of fellowship to recognize his hard work and achievement.
- **CAVE QUEST VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** is June 20 - 24. Registration deadline is Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>. Check out our information center located in the back of the sanctuary or visit Zion's website for more information. [www.zlcb.org/vbs](http://www.zlcb.org/vbs). Attention CREW leaders and helpers! The mandatory crew meeting has been rescheduled for Monday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the undercroft.
- **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.)
- **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](http://www.zlcb.org/sermons)

# Welcome to worship!

## The Conversion of Saul

This morning, our focus is on the first passage of your Bible in a Year reading for today, Acts 9:1-19 and the Conversion of Saul (also known as Paul). It is from this story that we get the expression “Damascus Road Experience,” as it is here that Saul/Paul encounters the living Christ. But is this where Saul/Paul is actually converted? (And what does it mean to be converted?)

Well, of course it is, you say—the Damascus Road. But not so fast. We are going to take a close look at this text to see where exactly Saul/Paul comes to faith in Christ, how he came to faith in Christ, and what he did after he came to faith in Christ. I think you will be pleasantly surprised—and challenged—by what you see and hear this morning—how what’s actually in the Bible is better than what you thought was in the Bible... but actually isn’t.

Also, if you have gotten behind on your Bible in a Year readings, consider this your official invitation to declare a Mulligan and start over with our reading for today: Acts 9-10 and Psalm 149 (which will be read for you in church; all you have to do is sit there and listen!).

We’ve got a lot to cover this morning!

God bless your time in worship.

--Pastor Duncan McLellan

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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 – Lift High the Cross***

### ***Introduction to Worship and Announcements***

***Opening Hymn: Lift High the Cross***

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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: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

*Hebrews 10:22*

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

*Psalm 124:8*

**People: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord, and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Psalm 32:5*

Pastor: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**People: O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

*Mark 16:16; John 1:12*

### ***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 149**

Praise the Lord!

Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of the godly!

Let Israel be glad in his Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!

Let them praise his name with dancing,

making melody to him with tambourine and lyre!

For the Lord takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with salvation.

Let the godly exult in glory; let them sing for joy on their beds.

Let the high praises of God be in their throats

and two-edged swords in their hands,

to execute vengeance on the nations and punishments on the peoples,

to bind their kings with chains and their nobles with fetters of iron,

to execute on them the judgment written!

This is honor for all his godly ones.

Praise the Lord!

## **New Testament Reading:**

## **Acts 9:1-19**

But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him. And falling to the ground he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." And the Lord said to him, "Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road

by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; and taking food, he was strengthened.

**Pastor:** In honor of our Lord Jesus Christ, we rise for the reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 1<sup>st</sup> Chapter.

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

**Gospel Reading: John 1:45-51**

Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, “Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!” Nathanael said to him, “How do you know me?” Jesus answered him, “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.” Nathanael answered him, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” Jesus answered him, “Because I said to you, ‘I saw you under the fig tree,’ do you believe? You will see greater things than these.” And he said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.”

**Pastor:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

(Please be seated)

***Sermon Hymn: Christ Be My Leader***

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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 – 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: 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)***

*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.*

## ***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***

<i>Jesus Loves Me (Adult Choir 10:30 service)</i>	588
<i>Your Table I Approach</i>	628
<i>Praise to You and Adoration</i>	692

## ***Benediction***

**People: Amen**

Why do we do this? "Benediction" means "good word." We want the last thing you hear as you leave the sanctuary to be words of Gospel comfort and encouragement; one last reminder of all that has been done for us and for our salvation.

***The Recessional: Onward Christian Soldiers*** 662

***Postlude – Onward Christian Soldiers***

## † *Service Participants* †

Pastor:	Rev. Duncan McLellan
Music Director:	Mark Killinger
The Organist:	Sandra Quinlan
The Elders:	Michael Kroeger & James Neill
The Acolyte:	Matt Liberatore (8:00) Leah Luedeman (10:30)
The Greeters:	Frank & Sandy Hervert (8:00) Lauren & Kim Luedeman & Family(10:30)
The Ushers:	Kathleen Conn, Bill Schrag (8:00) Janet & Larry Zreliak Debbie Ford, Bill Koester (10:30) Lois Sauro & Ted Siek
Altar Guild:	Barb Oechslein, Diana Schmidt Megan Pasquini
Nursery:	Carrie Lemonovich & Jenna & Stephanie Eckels

## **Last Week in Worship**

Sunday Worship Attendance (5/22) – 221

Wednesday Attendance (5/25) – 13

Sunday Offering (5/22) - \$5,942.00

Online Offering (5/9-5/20) - \$1,060.00

Bell Choir Contributions - \$105.00

~Online giving is now available by going to the Zion web site: [www.zlcb.org](http://www.zlcb.org)~

# Week of May 29<sup>th</sup> – June 5<sup>th</sup>

<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>5/29</b>	8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion 9:15 AM – Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM – Worship w/Communion 11:45 AM – Board of Education Meeting 5:00 PM – Youth Event – Ultimate Frisbee
<b>MONDAY</b> <b>5/30</b>	
<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>5/31</b>	6:45 PM – Adult Choir 7:30 PM – Women’s Bible Study 9:30 PM – Zion Lions Softball Game
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>6/1</b>	7:00 PM – Mid Week Service 7:00 PM – Zion Lions Softball Game
<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>6/2</b>	10:00 AM – Bible Study 7:30 PM – Elders Meeting 8:30 PM – Zion Lions Softball Game
<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>6/3</b>	
<b>SATURDAY</b> <b>6/4</b>	8:00 AM – Men’s Bible Breakfast (open to all) 9:00 AM – Car Wash Set-Up 10:00 AM – Free Car Wash (+ Detailing & Food) 3:00 PM – Fire Pit Renovation & Christening
<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>6/5</b>	8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion 9:30 AM – Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM – Worship w/Communion 11:45 PM – Board Of Education Meeting

# Youth Event Today



**Zion Youth Group**

**When?** May 29

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

**Who?** Anyone in Middle or High School

**Where?** Zion Lutheran Church  
Contact Joe Faini for more info  
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