

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



SERVICE OF PRAYER AND
PREACHING
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

JAMES AND JUDE! Starting July 20th, we will be having a small group Bible Study on the books of James and Jude as part of our Midweek Service. If you want to take part in this study, please sign-up for study guides on the sign-up sheet either in the narthex or the bulletin board by the side entrance. Hope to see you there!

VICAR JOSHUA will begin his year with us starting July 18th, with his installation scheduled for July 24th. We will be collecting items for Joshua and his family in the coming weeks. More information about this collection will be available in this space, our website, Facebook page, and Newsletter.

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 3rd 2.10.66!

PITTSBURGH LUTHERAN! Look for more information about Zion in the upcoming edition of the Pittsburgh Lutheran. A big shout-out/ tip-of-the-hat to our team who has taken on the responsibility of publishing and improving this valuable communication resource for the LCMS congregations in the greater Pittsburgh Area! Way to go team!

CREATION CONFERENCE. Keep an eye out for our second Creation Conference here at Zion in August (12-14). We will have a group of scientists and theologians come and present their research and inform us on the truth of the Biblical account of creation. You won't want to miss this conference; a great opportunity to learn and grow in your faith!

Welcome to worship!

Today, our Bible in a Year reading is the book of Ruth. So I have two admissions to make. First, one of the classes I took at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary had me translate a Greek translation of the original Hebrew version of Ruth into English. Also, I do not believe Ruth to be as virtuous a woman as many make her out to be. The story of Ruth, I believe, is less about the virtue of Ruth and more about the grace of her kinsman-redeemer, Boaz. Read this way, the book of Ruth stands as a powerful analogy of the love and grace God has for us in Christ.

Like we talked about on Sunday, if you are looking for a hero in Scripture, there is only one: Jesus. People like Ruth are interesting, her story compelling. But she is not an example in everything for us to follow. Only Jesus is. This story, more than anything else, illustrates God's unconditional grace in receiving the outcast, the foreigner, the person considered unclean.

We are not to try to be like Ruth; we are to see ourselves as Ruth, and Boaz is our Christ.

We've got a lot to cover this evening!

Glad you are here!

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The Service of Prayer and Preaching

Pastor: O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare Your praise.

Psalm 51:15

People: **Make haste, O God, to deliver me. Make haste to help me, O Lord.**

Psalm 70:1

All: *Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.*

Reading: Psalm 22

To the choirmaster: according to The Doe of the Dawn. A Psalm of David.

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?

O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer, and by night, but I find no rest.

Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises[a] of Israel.

In you our fathers trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them.

To you they cried and were rescued; in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by mankind and despised by the people.

All who see me mock me; they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;

"He trusts in the Lord; let him deliver him; let him rescue him, for he delights in him!"

Yet you are he who took me from the womb; you made me trust you at my mother's breasts.

On you was I cast from my birth, and from my mother's womb you have been my God.

Be not far from me, for trouble is near, and there is none to help.

Many bulls encompass me; strong bulls of Bashan surround me; they open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion.

I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast; my strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death.

For dogs encompass me; a company of evildoers encircles me; they have pierced my hands and feet— I can count all my bones—they stare and gloat over me; they divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.

But you, O Lord, do not be far off!

O you my help, come quickly to my aid!

Deliver my soul from the sword, my precious life from the power of the dog!

Save me from the mouth of the lion!

You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen!

I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:

You who fear the Lord, praise him!

All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him, and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

For he has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted, and he has not hidden his face from him, but has heard, when he cried to him.

From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will perform before those who fear him.

The afflicted[d] shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord!

May your hearts live forever!

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall worship before you.

For kingship belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations.

All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one who could not keep himself alive.

Posterity shall serve him; it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation; they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn, that he has done it.

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.

The Prayers

Pastor: Let my prayer rise before You as incense,
People: **and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

Psalm 141:2

Pastor: My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior; for he has regarded the lowliness of His hand-maiden.

People: **For behold, from this day all generations will call me blessed. For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and holy is His name; and His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation.**

Pastor: He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has exalted the lowly.

People: He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent empty away. He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy and He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed forever.

Luke 1:46-55

Pastor: ...Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
All: *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*

Matthew 6:9-13

The Benediction

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.

Numbers 6:24-26

People: Amen.