

# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



SERVICE OF PRAYER AND  
PREACHING  
JUNE 29<sup>TH</sup> 2016



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**JAMES AND JUDE!** Starting July 20<sup>th</sup>, 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 18<sup>th</sup>, with his installation scheduled for July 24<sup>th</sup>. 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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!

This evening, our focus is on 1 Samuel 24, where David spares the life of Saul. Saul had been hunting David because he was jealous that David was chosen by the Lord to lead God's people and he (Saul) had fallen out of favor with God for reasons we talked about last Sunday (leading God's people in worship when he had not been called to do so).

Have you ever been unjustly persecuted? For no reason (or a really bad reason), as someone been out to get you? David can relate. He's done nothing wrong, yet Saul (and 3,000 men loyal to Saul) wants to take your life. What do you do? If given a chance to turn the tables and take Saul out of the equation, would you, or would you allow for him to continue to persecute you?

If you are David, you show mercy. You spare Saul's life and try to reason with him. You are slow to anger and quick to do good. It's not easy, but it is the right thing so you do it.

Following the service this evening, please stick around for a group discussion and Bible study on this evening's text. (There's a study-guide sheet somewhere in this bulletin.)

God bless your time in worship this evening!

-Pastor Duncan

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# The Service of Prayer and Preaching

Leader: 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: 1 Samuel 24

When Saul returned from following the Philistines, he was told, "Behold, David is in the wilderness of Engedi." Then Saul took three thousand chosen men out of all Israel and went to seek David and his men in front of the Wildgoats' Rocks. And he came to the sheepfolds by the way, where there was a cave, and Saul went in to relieve himself. Now David and his men were sitting in the innermost parts of the cave. And the men of David said to him, "Here is the day of which the Lord said to you, 'Behold, I will give your enemy into your hand, and you shall do to him as it shall seem good to you.'" Then David arose and stealthily cut off a corner of Saul's robe. And afterward David's heart struck him, because he had cut off a corner of Saul's robe. He said to his men, "The Lord forbid that I should do this thing to my lord, the Lord's anointed, to put out my hand against him, seeing he is the Lord's anointed." So David persuaded his men with these words and did not permit them to attack Saul. And Saul rose up and left the cave and went on his way.

Afterward David also arose and went out of the cave, and called after Saul, "My lord the king!" And when Saul looked behind him, David bowed with his face to the earth and paid homage. And David said to Saul, "Why do you listen to the words of men who say, 'Behold, David seeks your harm'? Behold, this day your eyes have seen how the Lord gave you today into my hand in the

cave. And some told me to kill you, but I spared you. I said, 'I will not put out my hand against my lord, for he is the Lord's anointed.' See, my father, see the corner of your robe in my hand. For by the fact that I cut off the corner of your robe and did not kill you, you may know and see that there is no wrong or treason in my hands. I have not sinned against you, though you hunt my life to take it. May the Lord judge between me and you, may the Lord avenge me against you, but my hand shall not be against you. As the proverb of the ancients says, 'Out of the wicked comes wickedness.' But my hand shall not be against you. After whom has the king of Israel come out? After whom do you pursue? After a dead dog! After a flea! May the Lord therefore be judge and give sentence between me and you, and see to it and plead my cause and deliver me from your hand."

As soon as David had finished speaking these words to Saul, Saul said, "Is this your voice, my son David?" And Saul lifted up his voice and wept. He said to David, "You are more righteous than I, for you have repaid me good, whereas I have repaid you evil. And you have declared this day how you have dealt well with me, in that you did not kill me when the Lord put me into your hands. For if a man finds his enemy, will he let him go away safe? So may the Lord reward you with good for what you have done to me this day. And now, behold, I know that you shall surely be king, and that the kingdom of Israel shall be established in your hand. Swear to me therefore by the Lord that you will not cut off my offspring after me, and that you will not destroy my name out of my father's house." And David swore this to Saul. Then Saul went home, but David and his men went up to the stronghold.

## ***Message***

(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***

Leader: Let my prayer rise before You as incense,  
People: **and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**  
*Psalm 141:2*

Leader: 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.**

Leader: 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*

Leader: 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.**

Leader: 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 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.

*Numbers 6:24-26*

**People: Amen.**

***Following the service, we invite you stick around to participate in a group discussion on our text, facilitated by the Elder on Duty.***