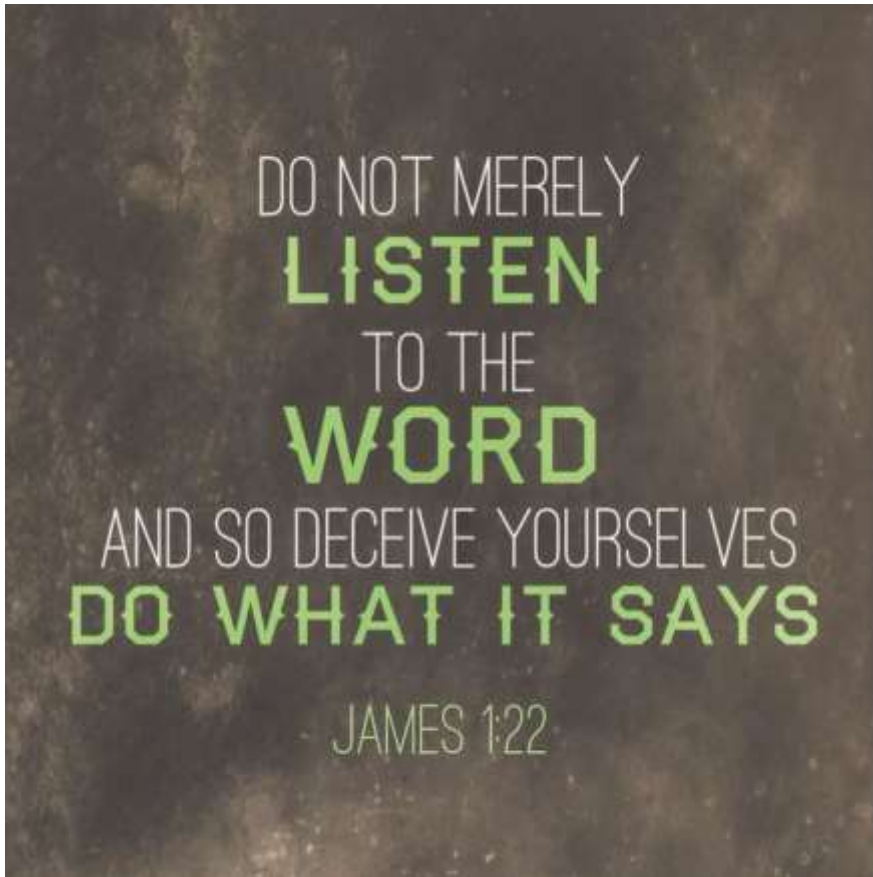


# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



SERVICE OF PRAYER AND  
PREACHING  
JULY 20<sup>TH</sup> 2016



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**JAMES AND JUDE!** Starting this Wednesday (and by that we mean this evening), we will be having a small group Bible Study on the books of James and Jude as part of our Midweek Service. Pick up your study guide following the service this evening. We'll talk about the books (generally) following the service and come prepared to talk about the first unit of the study next Wednesday!

**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 Genesis Seminar 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!

Welcome to Worship!

This evening, we begin our study of James and Jude. We are going to have our study guide books available after the service for you to get started on the first chapter of the study of James. We'll have a period of discussion following the service of prayer and preaching as we begin to familiarize ourselves with these two short "General Epistles."

When you think of James, you might think of a book that has challenged our Lutheran understanding of salvation by grace received through faith without any works of the Law. But what James does is guard against the great evil of cheap grace, saying that, while salvation is completely God's work, the faith that receives so great a salvation is always accompanied by good works. What James does not say is that this faith is so strong and complete that it is only accompanied by good works. So that's James. But what about Jude? Sitting on this side of Revelation, Jude is short. There is no 2 Jude or 3 Jude; just Jude. Do you know what is in Jude? Did you know that Jude and 2 Peter have most of their content in common?

I'm looking forward to spending the better part of two months studying these challenging and little-known books; I hope you are as well.

God bless your time in worship this evening!

-Pastor Duncan

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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 50

The Mighty One, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

Our God comes; he does not keep silence; before him is a devouring fire, around him a mighty tempest.

He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people:

“Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!”

The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge! Selah

“Hear, O my people, and I will speak; O Israel, I will testify against you. I am God, your God.

Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you; your burnt offerings are continually before me.

I will not accept a bull from your house or goats from your folds.

For every beast of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills.

I know all the birds of the hills, and all that moves in the field is mine.

“If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the world and its fullness are mine.

Do I eat the flesh of bulls or drink the blood of goats?

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and perform your vows to the Most High, and call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.”

But to the wicked God says: “What right have you to recite my statutes or take my covenant on your lips?

For you hate discipline, and you cast my words behind you.

If you see a thief, you are pleased with him, and you keep company with adulterers.

“You give your mouth free rein for evil, and your tongue frames deceit.

You sit and speak against your brother; you slander your own mother's son.

These things you have done, and I have been silent; you thought that I was one like yourself.

But now I rebuke you and lay the charge before you.

“Mark this, then, you who forget God, lest I tear you apart, and there be none to deliver!

The one who offers thanksgiving as his sacrifice glorifies me; to one who orders his way rightly I will show the salvation of God!”

## **Reading: James 1**

James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ,

To the twelve tribes in the Dispersion:

Greetings.

Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the

wind. For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

Let the lowly brother boast in his exaltation, and the rich in his humiliation, because like a flower of the grass he will pass away. For the sun rises with its scorching heat and withers the grass; its flower falls, and its beauty perishes. So also will the rich man fade away in the midst of his pursuits.

Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.

If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

## ***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***

**Pastor:** Merciful Father, through Holy Baptism You called us to be Your own possession. Grant that our lives may evidence the working of Your Spirit in love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control, according to the image of Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**People:** **Lord, have mercy.**

**Pastor:** Almighty God, all that we possess is from Your loving hand. Give us grace that we may honor You with all we own, always remembering the account we must one day give to Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People:** **Christ, have mercy.**

Pastor: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, be a source of strength and hope for the children in our families. When they stray, protect them from all danger and grant Your abiding presence. Guide them by Your Word into paths of wisdom and righteousness, and send Your holy angels to watch over them, that the evil one may have no power over them; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, before whom all in heaven and earth shall bow, grant courage that Your children may confess Your saving name in the face of any opposition from a world hostile to the Gospel. Help them to remember Your faithful people who sacrificed much and even faced death rather than dishonor You when called upon to deny the faith. By Your Spirit, strengthen them to be faithful and to confess You boldly, knowing that You will confess Your one before the Father in heaven, with whom You and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: ...Lord, in your mercy.

**People: Hear our prayer.**

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 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.**