

Zion Lutheran Church



Fourteenth Sunday After
Pentecost
August 21st 2016

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by Ron & Judy Meier in Honor of sons Jason & James Birthdays and Memaw & Grandpa Meier in Honor of granddaughter Savanna's baptism anniversary.
- **ETERNAL LIGHT** is given by Bernice DeBoe in Memory of sister Bette Marinelli.
- **ADULT CHOIR ATTENTION! DATE CHANGE!** Our 1st Adult Choir rehearsal will be on Tuesday August 23rd not August 16th. Rehearsal will start at 7:00 in the sanctuary. There are sign-up sheets in the back of the church for anyone interested in participating in the Adult Choir/Men's Choir/Children's Choir.
- **CHILDREN'S CHOIR** is back starting September 4th! Rehearsals will take place every Sunday immediately following the 10:30am service in the undercroft for approximately 30 minutes. This is a great way for kids to praise the Lord, have fun with their friends, and learn how to sing! Any students Grades 1-6 are welcome!
- **MEN'S CHOIR:** We are starting up a men's choir this year! Since week nights are very busy, we are going to rehearse Saturday mornings from 10:00-10:45am. See Mark Killinger for a rehearsal schedule if you are interested. We will rehearse every other Saturday morning starting August 27th.
- **BELL CHOIR:** We are getting closer and closer to buying our own set of hand bells! That being said, we still have a long way to go. Please prayerfully consider contributing to this area of our music ministry. Mark your calendars, we will have a "Reformation Concert" October 30th to benefit the hand bell choir. Stay tuned for more details about this event next month!
- **STEPHEN MINISTRY** is looking forward to resuming again in the fall, providing Christ-centered care for people going through hard times. Want to be a Stephen Ministry or be trained as a Stephen Minister or Stephen Leader? Contact Pastor Duncan or Kristin Neill.
- **WELCOME CENTER!** Are you a guest or visitor looking for information about Zion? Hello and welcome to Zion! Stop by the table in the foyer after the service and we'll try to help.
- **2.10.66.** Want to know what's in the Bible? We are going to go through the Bible over 2 days in 10 hours. We've done this before; it's time to do it again! Bring your friends. If you are new to Zion, this is a great way to learn what we believe and what the Bible says. September 2nd from 6-9pm and the 3rd from 9-4. We'll have snacks. And coffee!
- **PRAYER OUTSIDE PLANNED PARENTHOOD** Forty Days for life is holding a peaceful 40 day vigil outside the abortion clinic in the city, asking our all powerful God to lift up his hand and put an end to abortion and providing silent witness. They are looking for 120 churches to cover 4 hour slots. If we get 16 people that is 4-1 hour shifts. Sounds like something Zion can do! Contact Vicar Joshua for more information.
- **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.)
- **END HUMAN TRAFFICKING!** This morning during Bible class, we will hear a presentation on Heifer International, a non-profit group that provides sustainable resources for people living in poverty.
- **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

Welcome to worship!

As we continue reading through the Bible in a year, we have the opportunity to see the varying genres of Scripture. God communicates who he is and what he promises to us not only through persuasive language such as one of Paul's letters but also through poetry and narrative. Today we encounter what has to be the strangest genre that God utilizes in Scripture; historical narrative written in a secular style. In the sermon today we will talk about this style and how God uses it to make known to us his grace shown in Jesus.

Last week in the sermon we saw one literary masterpiece inspired by God—the linear, cyclical, and chiasmic structures in the book of Revelation. This week we see our God making use of even a secular narrative to show His power and glory, His grace and Mercy.

May God bless you as you receive his gifts and respond in praise

-Vicar Joshua

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ZION EQUIPS, EDUCATES, AND ENCOURAGES BELIEVERS IN CHRIST. SENDING THEM INTO THE WORLD TO SHARE THE GOSPEL.

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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

Introduction to Worship and Announcements

Opening Hymn: O Bless the Lord, My Soul

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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 and Absolution

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another

I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

People: The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission for all your sins. Amen

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Hymn of Praise: My Soul Rejoices

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My soul rejoices, My spirit voices—sing the greatness of the Lord!
For God my Savior Has shown me favor—sing the greatness of the Lord!
With praise and blessing, Join in confessing God, who is solely mighty and holy—
O sing the greatness of God the Lord!
His mercy surely Shall rest securely On all who fear Him love and revere Him—
O sing the greatness of God the Lord!

His arm now baring, His strength declaring—Sing the greatness of the Lord!
The proud He scatters, Their rule He shatters—Sing the greatness of the Lord!
Oppression halted; The meek exalted. Full are the hungry; Empty the wealthy—
O sing the greatness of God the Lord!
Here is the token All that was spoken To Abram's offspring God is fulfilling—
O sing the greatness of God the Lord!

The Prayer of the Church

(Please be seated)

Baptism of Brentlee

(8:00 am Service)

The Service of the Word

Psalm 54. Prayed Responsively

P: O God, save me, by your name, and vindicate me by your might

C: O God, hear my prayer; give ear to the words of my mouth.

P: For strangers have risen against me; ruthless men seek my life; they do not set God before themselves.

C: Behold, God is my helper; the Lord is the upholder of my life.

P: He will return the evil to my enemies; in your faithfulness put an end to them.

C: With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to you; I will give thanks to your name, O LORD, for it is good.

P: For he has delivered me from every trouble, and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies

C: 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

Second Reading:

Esther 4

When Mordecai learned all that had been done, Mordecai tore his clothes and put on sackcloth and ashes, and went out into the midst of the city, and he cried out with a loud and bitter cry. He went up to the entrance of the king's gate, for no one was allowed to enter the king's gate clothed in sackcloth. And in every province, wherever the king's command and his decree reached, there was great mourning among the Jews, with fasting and weeping and lamenting, and many of them lay in sackcloth and ashes.

When Esther's young women and her eunuchs came and told her, the queen was deeply distressed. She sent garments to clothe Mordecai, so that he might take off his sackcloth, but he would not accept them. Then Esther called for Hathach, one of the king's eunuchs, who had been appointed to attend her, and ordered him to go to Mordecai to learn what this was and why it was. Hathach went out to Mordecai in the open square of the city in front of the king's gate, and Mordecai told him all that had happened to him, and the exact sum of money that Haman had promised to pay into the king's treasuries for the destruction of the Jews. Mordecai also gave him a copy of the written decree issued in Susa for their destruction, that he might show it to Esther and explain it to her and command her to go to the king to beg his favor and plead with him on behalf of her people. And Hathach went and told Esther what Mordecai had said. Then Esther spoke to Hathach and commanded him to go to Mordecai and say, "All the king's servants and the people of the king's provinces know that if any man or woman goes to the king inside the inner court without being called, there is but one law—to be put to death, except the one to whom the king holds out the golden scepter so that he may live. But as for me, I have not been called to come in to the king these thirty days."

And they told Mordecai what Esther had said. Then Mordecai told them to reply to Esther, "Do not think to yourself that in the king's palace you will escape any more than all the other Jews. For if you keep silent at this time, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" Then Esther told them to reply to Mordecai, "Go, gather all the Jews to be found in Susa, and hold a fast on my behalf, and do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. I and my young women will also fast as you do. Then I will go to the king, though it is against the law, and if I perish, I perish." Mordecai then went away and did everything as Esther had ordered him.

Pastor: In honor of our Lord Jesus Christ, we rise for the reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 17th Chapter.

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

Gospel Reading: John 17

When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

"I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. For I

have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.

“I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father, even

though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

(Please be seated)

Sermon Hymn: The Man Is Ever Blessed

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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

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)

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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>Amazing Grace</i>	744
<i>Son of God, Eternal Savior</i>	842
<i>You Are the Way; Through You Alone</i>	547

Benediction

People: Amen

<i>The Recessional: Sent Forth by God's Blessings</i>	643
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Postlude

† *Service Participants* †

Pastor:	Rev. Duncan McLellan
Vicar:	Joshua Ulm
Music Director:	Mark Killinger
The Organist:	Doug Krantz
The Pianist:	Shelley Killinger
The Elders:	Michael Kroeger & Neil Ackerman
The Acolyte:	Matt Liberatore (8:00) Lara Luedeman (10:30)
The Greeters:	Shane & Sandy Bryant (8:00) Vince & Ginny Kimberland (10:30)
The Ushers:	Carl Bauer, Gene Koop (8:00) Ron Meier & Jack Oelschlager Debbie Ford, Lois Sauro (10:30) Vince Kimberland & Bill Koester
Altar Guild:	Janet & Marian Oelschlager
Nursery:	Jodi & Jenny Fitzgerald

Last Week in Worship

Sunday Worship Attendance (8/14) – 225

Wednesday Attendance (8/17) – 22

Sunday Offering (8/14) – \$5,973.30

Online Offering (8/8-8/12) - \$655.00

Hand bell Contribution – \$198.00

~Online giving is now available by going to the Zion web site: www.zlcb.org~

Week of August 21st-August 28th

SUNDAY 8/21	8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion 9:15 AM –Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM – Worship w/Communion
MONDAY 8/22	
TUESDAY 8/23	
WEDNESDAY 8/24	7:00 PM – Service of Prayer & Preaching & Small Group Bible Study
THURSDAY 8/25	10:00 AM – Bible Study
FRIDAY 8/26	
SATURDAY 8/27	8:00 AM – Men’s Bible Breakfast
SUNDAY 8/28	8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion 9:15 AM –Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM – Worship w/Communion

Job Opportunity!



Pre-School Position

The Pre-School is seeking a part-time Custodian. General duties include custodial, property maintenance, minor repairs and set up activities. The ideal candidate would have experience in custodian and repair work and have the ability to move light furniture such as tables, chairs, etc. The hours would be 3 hours/day, 5 days a week, during the time of school operation, September through mid-June. This is a great opportunity for church stewardship if you are willing to donate your time for some of these days. Otherwise, if you know of anyone interested, please contact Kim Anderson kmcpPhillips1@comcast.net or Tracey Harris tharrissyd@comcast.net for additional details on specific duties, requirements and compensation.

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENT



When? Saturday, September 10

Time? 6-9:00pm

Who? Anyone in middle school

Where? Soccer fields next to Zion Lutheran Church

Address? 3197 Washington Pike, Bridgeville, PA 15017

Food? Pizza will be provided for all middle school kids

CHILD CARE:

We will provide child care for siblings of all ages!

Due to limited child care, an RSVP is required.

Please contact Joe Faini

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