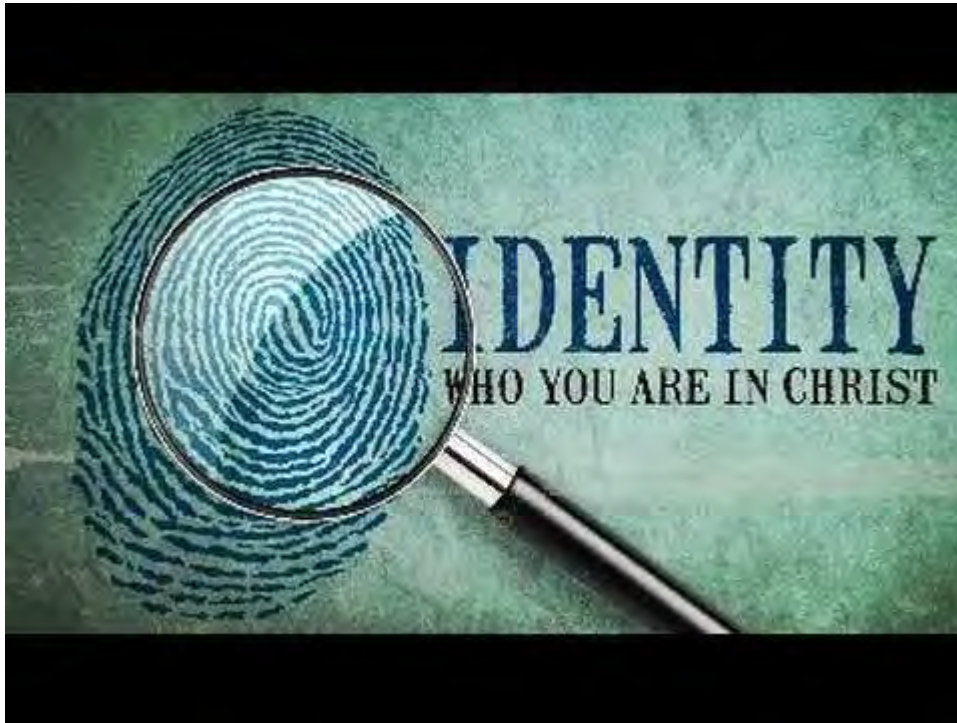


Zion Lutheran Church



Fifteenth Sunday After
Pentecost
August 28th 2016

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by Joe DePalma in Memory of Parents, Margaret & Joseph and John and Jean Endler in Honor of their 65th Wedding Anniversary.
- **ETERNAL LIGHT** is given by the Kroeger Family in Honor of their grandchildren Pippa, Rex, Casper & Shea.
- **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!
- **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.
- **FAREWELL VIDEO.** If you would like to make a short video for Pastors farewell party meet Brent in the conference room between services. He will be there today and next Sunday!
- **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.)
- **VICAR'S CHOICE!** Starting next week, our Vicar will be teaching Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall on topics of his choosing. I hear that he's an Old Testament guy, so look for something about finding Christ in the Old Testament. You won't want to miss it.
- **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!

We've been together for over six years and I've kept a dirty little secret from you (well, almost all of you) this entire time. Ready for it? I dig the musical "Les Miserables." I saw the play performed live at the National Theater the summer before my 7th grade year and quickly got the 3 CD set and memorized, if not all, most of it. (And yet still had trouble with memory work in Confirmation, which is a sermon for another day.)

Early on in the play, one of the main characters, Jean Valjean, finds himself at a crossroads. He is an ex-con who has rebuilt his life (under false pretenses) as a mayor of a small town in France. Police inspector Javert believed there was something strange about this mayor and had come to believe he was a former prisoner, who had been living in violation of his parole. But another man is arrested because it is believed that he is Valjean. And so Valjean has a decision to make. He can let this man go to prison for the false accusation of being Valjean, or he can intervene, reveal his true identity and risk imprisonment himself. And so Valjean does what any good man does when faced with kind of decision, he sings a solo. "Who Am I?" reflects Valjean's personal struggle to define who he is. Will he be a man who looks out for himself, or will he be a man of integrity?

Who am I? This morning we ask this question of ourselves. What defines who I am? Am I defined by the worst things I've ever done and the worst decisions I've made? Or am I defined by my best intentions and most fortunate circumstances? Or am I defined by my GPA, my career, who I spend time with or the teams I cheer? Who am I? Do I define myself, or am I defined?

In the end, Valjean rescues the man on trail by revealing his true identity. And, throughout the rest of the play, is pursued by Javert. His identity shapes his life. As you will see from Scripture this morning, so does yours.

God bless your time in worship this morning!

--Pastor Duncan McLellan

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

Zion Lutheran Church 3197 Washington Pike Bridgeville, PA 15017

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: Holy, Holy, Holy

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

Hymn of Praise: In Thee Is Gladness

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In Thee is gladness amid all sadness, Jesus, sunshine of my heart.
By Thee are given the gifts of heaven, Thou the true Redeemer art.
Our souls Thou wakest, our bonds Thou breakest;
Who trusts Thee surely has built securely; He stands forever: Alleluia!
Our hearts are pining to see Thy shining,
Dying or living to Thee are cleaving; naught can us sever: Alleluia.

Since He is ours, we fear no powers, not of earth nor sin nor death.
He sees and blesses in worst distresses; He can change them with a breath.
Wherefore the story tell of His glory
With hearts and voices; all heaven rejoices in Him forever: Alleluia!
We shout for gladness, triumph over sadness,
Love Him and praise Him and still shall raise Him glad hymns forever: Alleluia!

The Prayer of the Church

(Please be seated)

The Service of the Word

First Reading: Galatians 3:23-29

Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

Pastor: In honor of our Lord Jesus Christ, we rise for the reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th Chapter.

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

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 5:1-16

Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.

“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

Sermon Hymn: My Faith Looks Up to Thee

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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

Lord, Take my Hand and Lead Me (Adult Choir 10:30 am) 722

Spread the Reign of God the Lord 830

Just as I Am, Without One Plea 570

Benediction

People: **Amen**

The Recessional: What a Friend We Have in Jesus 770

Postlude

† *Service Participants* †

Pastor:	Rev. Duncan McLellan
Vicar:	Joshua Ulm
Music Director:	Mark Killinger
The Organist:	Sandra Quinlan
The Pianist:	Shelley Killinger
The Elders:	Michael Kroeger & Neil Ackerman
The Acolyte:	Ava Pasquini (8:00) Leah Luedeman (10:30)
The Greeters:	Gene & Sharon Koop (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:	Megan Pasquini & Marian Oelschlager

Last Week in Worship

Sunday Worship Attendance (8/21) – 220

Wednesday Attendance (8/24) – 21

Sunday Offering (8/21) – \$4,419.00

Online Offering (8/15-8/19) - \$550.00

Hand bell Contribution – \$335.00

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

Week of August 28th-Sept. 4th

SUNDAY 8/28	8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion 9:15 AM –Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM – Worship w/Communion 12:00 PM – Stephen Ministry
MONDAY 8/29	7:00 PM – Confirmation Parent Meeting
TUESDAY 8/30	6:30 PM – Sunday School Meeting
WEDNESDAY 8/31	7:00 PM – Service of Prayer & Preaching & Small Group Bible Study 7:30 PM – Board of Education Meeting
THURSDAY 9/1	10:00 AM – Bible Study 7:30 PM – Elders Meeting
FRIDAY 9/2	
SATURDAY 9/3	8:00 AM – Men’s Bible Breakfast
SUNDAY 9/4	8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion 9:15 AM –Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM – Worship w/Communion

School Custodian Needed!!



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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