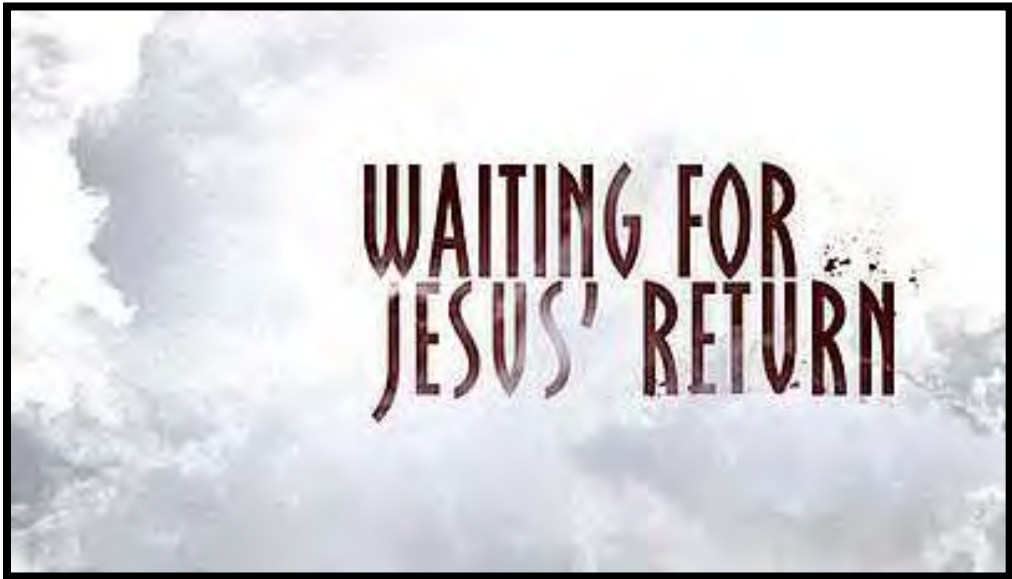


ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



SERVICE OF PRAYER AND
PREACHING
SEPTEMBER 7TH 2016



ANNOUNCEMENTS

JAMES AND JUDE! On Wednesday evenings, we will be having a small group Bible Study on the books of James and Jude as part of our Midweek Service. It's not too late to pick up your study guide following the service this evening. We'll be going over the first unit after the service this week!

YOUTH EVENT this Saturday Night. The Middle School kids will be playing blow darts from 6:00-9:00pm. We are offering child care for their siblings...**we need your help** with babysitting!! See Joe or email him at joe@zlc.org if you can help!

MINISTRY FAIR This Sunday, September 11, Zion will be having a ministry fair to showcase the opportunities that we offer to grow in our faith, encourage one another, enjoy each other's company, and serve the community. The fair will take place during the Bible Study hour.

VICAR'S CHOICE. He can talk. He can preach. But can he teach? Come and find out this Sunday at 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall/ Basement/ Undercroft and listen to Vicar Joshua teach Bible Class. Topic is To Be Determined, but should be more than interesting.

Welcome to worship!

This evening we wrap up our study of the book of James. But, it could be argued, James has saved the best for last. At a time when many of the Epistles are winding down and the author is giving the names of the people he wants to greet, James presses on to discuss many difficult, relevant and controversial topics. In his last several paragraphs, James gives us his teaching on things like:

- What it means to live life in this age, waiting for the end of the age and the resurrection of the dead.
- How telling the truth for a Christian is essential to his or her calling as member of the body of Christ.
- The power of prayer and the power of the one to whom we pray.
- The calling of all Christians to hold one another accountable and prevent brothers and sisters in Christ from straying from the faith.

There's a ton of good, red meat for a sermon in the verses for our consideration this evening. But I want to focus on two things; the first and last of James' topics for us in our reading. That is, I want to talk about how we are to live our lives in eager expectation for the return of Christ and how we are to look out for one another, because we are living in spiritually dangerous times.

Next week, our study of Jude begins. But this evening, we sprint to the finish in our study of the book of James! God bless your time in worship this evening!

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The Service of Prayer and Preaching

Pastor: The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at the last
People: Amen.

Pastor: It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praise to Your name, O Most High.
People: **To herald Your love in the morning, Your truth at the close of the day.**

Psalm 92:1

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: James 5:7-20

Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your “yes” be yes and your “no” be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation.

Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise

him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit.

My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

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: In peace let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the gift of divine peace and pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For those who labor, for those whose work is dangerous or difficult, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For... let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

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.**