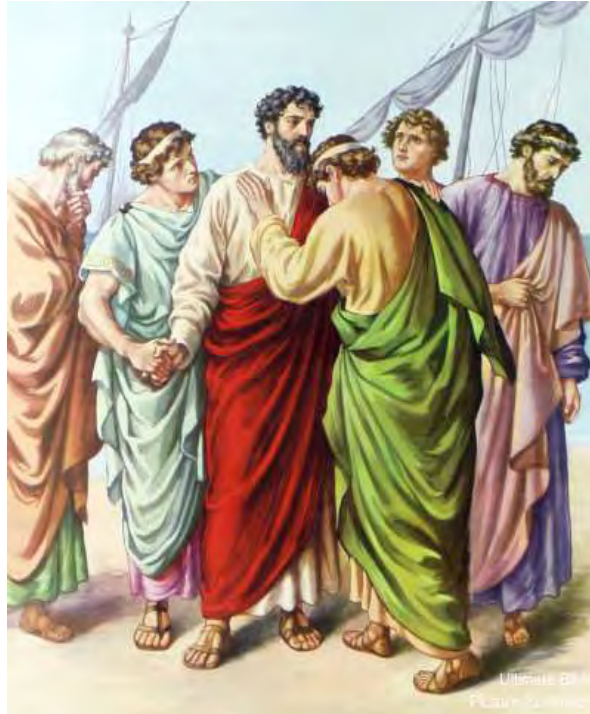


Zion Lutheran Church



*Seventeenth Sunday
After Pentecost
September 11th 2016*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by the Klemash Family in Honor of Andrew & Nancy's birthday and the Oelschlager family in Honor of Matthew's birthday.
- **ETERNAL LIGHT** is given by Bernice DeBoe in Memory of Ann Louise Marinelli.
- **CHILDREN'S CHOIR.** 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 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.
- **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.
- **WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY** on the book of Psalms will start on September 28th after the service of Prayer and Preaching. Please sign up in the Narthex if you plan on attending the Bible Study so we can make sure we have books for everyone!
- **MINISTRY FAIR!** Come and see all that we've got going on at Zion at our First Annual Ministry Fair next Sunday, starting at 9:00. Weather permitting we will be in the traffic circle out front of the church; weather not permitting, we'll see you in the Fellowship Hall. There will be plenty of freebies and a hot breakfast will be served.
- **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 Sunday, 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!

I had originally set Acts 20 to be the last text I preached on here at Zion. But, for reasons I think will be clear to you in two weeks, there's another text for my last message at Zion. This church has changed my life, caused me to refocus my priorities, and has given my family the gift of a comfortable and safe place in which to plant roots and grow. There are a number of social media groups for LCMS Pastors and the wives of LCMS Pastors. These groups do not exist so that we can share with each other just how good and fulfilling it is to be a Pastor, or how being a Pastor's wife has been a tremendous blessing to her faith. Quite the opposite. Horror story after horror story make up the vast majority of the comments on these pages. Granted, the lens through which the Pastor/ Pastor's Family to Congregation relationship is seen is decidedly one-sided. You would be surprised at how many Pastors are mistreated in so many ways by their congregations. (And you would also be surprised at how many Pastors mistreat the members of their congregations.) You would be surprised because you have done none of them. In the six years that we have been here, I can count on one hand the number of times a member (or family) has said or done something to me or my family that was rude or inappropriate. You have been Christ to us.

In our New Testament Lesson for this morning, the Apostle Paul bids farewell to the elders of the church at Ephesus. Having worked with these men for a number of years, witnessing God's grace and kingdom growth, Paul believes he has been called away from them to Jerusalem and then Rome. He bids farewell to his adopted Christian family with tears, knowing that he will not see many of them again.

This morning, we begin to say our good-byes to Zion. And I hope that, as you listen to God's Word read and proclaimed this morning, that you will see the many blessings our little church has been given by God's grace, and how the mission and ministry will go and grow through the period of vacancy and when a new man is blessed to be your Pastor.

In Christ,
Pastor Duncan

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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: Before You Lord, We Bow

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The Invocation

Vicar: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Confession of Sins and Absolution

Vicar: Before we listen to God's Word, call upon him with our prayers and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess our sins to God, trusting in his mercy for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

People: Almighty God, merciful father, we confess to you that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have intentionally and unintentionally disobeyed you, brought shame to your name and failed to live up to our high and holy calling as your sons and daughters. For the sake of Christ, forgive us. Restore to us the joy of our salvation and give us a willing spirit to sustain us in the faith you have given. Amen.

Absolution Spoken by the Vicar

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

New Testament Reading: Acts 20:17-38

Now from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. And when they came to him, he said to them: "You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all, for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. Pay careful attention to

yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

And when he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all. And there was much weeping on the part of all; they embraced Paul and kissed him, being sorrowful most of all because of the word he had spoken, that they would not see his face again. And they accompanied him to the ship.

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 17:20-26**

"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: Jesus Shall Reign

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Sermon

(Please stand)

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth
and in all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,

God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made;
who, for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

(Please be seated)

Offertory – Adult Choir – Make Me a Channel of Your Peace (10:30)

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>Lord of All Hopefulness</i>	738
<i>O Bless the Lord, My Soul</i>	814
<i>In God, My Faithful God</i>	745

Benediction

People: Amen

<i>The Recessional: A Mighty Fortress is Our God</i>	657
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Postlude

† *Service Participants* †

Pastor:	Rev. Duncan McLellan
Vicar:	Joshua Ulm
Music Director:	Mark Killinger
The Organist:	Sandra Quinlan
The Elders:	Robb Oelschlager & Neil Ackerman
The Acolyte:	Augie Bishop (8:00) Leah Luedeman (10:30)
The Greeters:	Bob & Diana Schmidt (8:00) Elsie Dalla Piazza (10:30)
The Ushers:	Kathleen Conn, Brian Pasquini (8:00) Janet & Larry Zreliak Ross Chilcott, Dan Harris (10:30) Chuck LaJeunesse & Rich Quinlan
Altar Guild:	Barb Oechslein, Diana Schmidt & Megan Pasquini
Nursery:	Carley & Darla Rockovich

Last Week in Worship

Sunday Worship Attendance (9/4) –220

Wednesday Attendance (9/7) – 16

Sunday Offering (9/4) – \$7,054.00

Online Offering (8/29-9/2) - \$550.00

Hand bell Contribution – \$50.00

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

Week of Sept. 11th – Sept. 18th

<p>SUNDAY 9/11 Food Bank Collection</p>	<p>8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion 9:00 AM – Branch Out Ministry Fair 9:15 AM – Sunday School 10:30 AM – Worship w/Communion 11:45 AM – Children’s Choir Practice 11:45 Am – Stephen Ministry 4:00 PM – High School Youth Event @ Joe’s</p>
<p>MONDAY 9/12</p>	<p>7:00 PM - Confirmation</p>
<p>TUESDAY 9/13</p>	<p>7:00 PM – Choir Practice</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY 9/14</p>	<p>7:00 PM – Service of Prayer & Preaching & Small Group Bible Study</p>
<p>THURSDAY 9/15</p>	<p>10:00 AM – Bible Study</p>
<p>FRIDAY 9/16</p>	
<p>SATURDAY 9/17</p>	<p>8:00 AM – Men’s Bible Breakfast</p>
<p>SUNDAY 9/18</p>	<p>8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion 9:00 AM –Branch Out Ministry Fair 9:15 AM – Adult Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30 AM – Worship w/Communion 11:45 AM – Children’s Choir Practice</p>

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH EVENT



**High-
School**

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**SEPT
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**Faini
House
Hangout**

Who?	Anyone in High School
When?	Sunday, Sept. 11
Where?	Faini House
Why?	B/c there is food
Time?	4-6pm

Come hang out with Lindsey and I. No agenda,
just hanging out at our house making food :)

Address:
650 Patterson Ave
Bridgeville, PA 15017



Upcoming Music Concert Event!

Everyone is invited to attend a Concert to Celebrate the 499th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation.

- *A Concert to Celebrate the 499th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation*
- *Sunday, October 30, 2016, 2:00 pm*
- *Zion Lutheran Church
3197 Washington Pike
Bridgeville, PA 15017*
- *Refreshments immediately following in the undercroft*
- *A freewill offering will be taken to benefit the Zion Handbell Fund*

Assistant Organist Doug Krantz, Alto Mary Ulm, Pianist Shelley Killinger, as well as the adult and children's choirs under the direction of Mark Killinger, will perform a concert of joyful sacred music to celebrate the event. Mr. Krantz will also perform selections on the piano, accordion, and pennywhistle.