

# *Zion Lutheran Church*



*Nineteenth Sunday  
After Pentecost  
September 25<sup>th</sup> 2016*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by Paul & Terry Hayes in Memory of brother Brian Johnson and Ross & Christine Chilcott in Honor of Emmett's First Birthday and Gerry Hildenbrand in Honor of the faithful & joyful ministry of Pastor Duncan. May God Bless their family as they continue to serve the Lord.
- **ETERNAL LIGHT** is given by Judith Dames in Memory of Loved Ones.
- **CHILDREN'S CHOIR.** No practice on Sunday October 2<sup>nd</sup>!
- **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 30<sup>th</sup> to benefit the hand bell choir. Stay tuned for more details about this event next month!
- **CHILI COOK-OFF** is next Sunday October 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you would like to help with the cook-off please email [secretary@zlc.org](mailto:secretary@zlc.org). Come out to vote for the best chili in the 'burg...ours of course!! We hope to see you all at the cook-off as we try to take home a win!!
- **SPOTLIGHT MINISTRY...** Following the presentation of 21 ministry groups at Zion's 1<sup>st</sup> Annual MINISTRY FAIR recently on Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>, each ministry will now be spotlighted for a few Sundays to further familiarize all with WHAT'S HAPPENING at Zion! This week in the spotlight is the BOARD OF TRUSTEES overseen by John Lemonovich. Please check out the display in the rear corner of the Sanctuary & see if the Holy Spirit leads you to be a part of that ministry!
- **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.
- **WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY** on the book of Psalms will start on September 28<sup>th</sup> 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!
- **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.)
- **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.zlc.org/sermons](http://www.zlc.org/sermons)

# Welcome to worship!

A Canaanite woman brings her ailing daughter to the feet of Jesus and, despite the hard-hearted desire of the disciples of Jesus to send her away, leaves with her daughter healed. Two blind men cry out from the side of the road for Jesus to heal them. Despite the stern rebuke of those around them to remain silent, they cry out all the louder. By the time Jesus passes by, they have been restored to health. But in the faux-court of Caiaphas, the representative of God's historical covenant people is compelled to ask Jesus, "Are you the Christ?" And as he stands before the Roman Governor, his identity is once again questioned: "Are you the king of the Jews?"

We spent a year going Back to Basics, either refreshing our memory of what we learned back in our Confirmation Days, or hearing the foundational truths of the Christian faith for the first time in a systematized way. This morning, we take a look at the most basic elements of the Christian faith and life: who is Jesus? (And, how does knowing who Jesus is transform my life; what does it do for me, and what demands does it put on me?) A Canaanite woman, blind men, two rulers, and a great multitude. We've got a lot to cover this morning! May God bless your time in worship this morning, giving you faith to grasp the good things He has prepared for you before the foundations of the world in Christ Jesus!

-Pastor Duncan

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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: Crown Him with Many Crowns*

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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: The Word of God is clear: all have sinned and have fallen short of the glory of God; there is no one righteous, not even one; all the thoughts of all people are sinful from their youth. Therefore, we all stand in need of forgiveness and new life. Trusting in the mercy of God through our Lord Jesus Christ, let us confess our sins.

**People: Father in heaven, I have sinned against you. I have refused to put you first in my life. I have spoken ill of my brothers and sisters in Christ. I have grumbled against your bride, the church. Forgive me of these and all my sins. Lead me to greater faith and obedience through your Spirit, which you have graciously given to me. I ask for all of this through Christ my Lord. Amen.**

## *Absolution Spoken by the Vicar*

## *Hymn of Praise: Christ Be My Leader*

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Christ be my Leader by night as by day; Safe through the darkness, for He is the way.  
Gladly I follow, my future His care, Darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.

Christ be my Teacher in age as in youth, Drifting or doubting, for He is the truth.  
Grant me to trust Him; though shifting as sand, Doubt cannot daunt me; In Jesus I stand.

Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife; Death cannot hold me, for He is the life.  
Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain Can touch my salvation: with Jesus I  
reign.

## ***The Prayer of the Church***

(Please be seated)

## ***Welcome New Members – Wilson Family (8:00 am)***

## **The Service of the Word**

### **First Reading:**

### **Revelation 7:9-17**

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

"Therefore they are before the throne of God,  
and serve him day and night in his temple;  
and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;  
the sun shall not strike them,

nor any scorching heat.  
For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,  
and he will guide them to springs of living water,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

**Second Reading:**

**Romans 5:1-11**

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

**Pastor:** In honor of our Lord Jesus Christ, we rise for the reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 15<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

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

**Gospel Reading:****Matthew 15:21-28**

And Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon." But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." And he answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

**Pastor:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

(Please be seated)

**Sermon Hymn:** *When I Behold Jesus Christ*

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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 - Lamb of God (8:00am - adult choir)***

***Just As I am Without One Plea- Hymn 570 (10:30 am)***

***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***

*Fight the Good Fight*

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*Jerusalem the Golden*

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*At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing*

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### ***Benediction***

People: **Amen**

### ***The Recessional: The Church's One Foundation***

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### ***Postlude***

## † *Service Participants* †

Pastor:	Rev. Duncan McLellan
Vicar:	Joshua Ulm
Music Director:	Mark Killinger
The Organist:	Sandra Quinlan
The Pianist:	Shelley Killinger
The Elders:	Robb Oelschlager & Neil Ackerman
The Acolyte:	Matt Liberatore (8:00) Carley Rockovich (10:30)
The Greeters:	Ron & Judy Meier (8:00) Lee & Megan Glasser (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:	Linda Kroeger & Tess Carter

## **Last Week in Worship**

Sunday Worship Attendance (9/18) -223

Wednesday Attendance (9/21) – 24

Sunday Offering (9/18) – \$4,704.00

Online Offering (9/12-9/16) - \$650.00

Hand bell Contribution – \$50.00

~Online giving is now available by going to the Zion web site: [www.zlcb.org](http://www.zlcb.org)~

## Week of Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> – Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>

<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>9/25</b>	8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion 9:15 AM – Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM – Worship w/Communion 11:45 AM – Children’s Choir Practice 11:45 AM – Event’s Committee Meeting
<b>MONDAY</b> <b>9/26</b>	7:00 PM – Confirmation 7:30 PM – Call Committee Meeting
<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>9/27</b>	6:30 PM – Sunday School Meeting 7:00 PM – Choir Practice
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>9/28</b>	7:00 PM – Service of Prayer & Preaching & Small Group Bible Study (Psalms Study Beginning)
<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>9/29</b>	10:00 AM – Bible Study
<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>9/30</b>	
<b>SATURDAY</b> <b>10/1</b>	8:00 AM – Men’s Bible Breakfast
<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>10/2</b>	8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion 9:15 AM – Adult Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30 AM – Worship w/Communion 12:00 PM – 4:00 – Chili Cook-Off (Fairview Park)



## *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.*



**CHILD CARE PROVIDED:**

We will provide child care for siblings of all ages!

Due to limited child care, an RSVP is required.







Please contact Joe Faini:

**CONTACT INFO:**

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- When?**  Oct. 1
- Where?**  Soccer Fields Next to Zion Lutheran Church
- Address?**  3197 Washington Pike
- Who?**  Anyone in 6-8 Grade
- Time?**  6-9pm
- Food?**  Pizzas!

# Our Preschool Wish List

Looking for a way to help our school  
but don't know how...

Simply take a crayon with a “wish list”  
item, purchase the item and drop it off  
at the school or give to Tracey Harris.

The Wish List is in the back of  
church...check it out on your way out  
and make a wish come true!!



Mark your Calendars for Zion's First  
Trunk or Treat!

Kids all ages are welcome!

Dress up and get candy! It doesn't  
get any better than that!

When: Saturday October 29<sup>th</sup> At 5:30pm

What: People decorate their cars/trunks and pass out candy to  
kids

Where: Zion Lutheran Church Parking Lot



For More Information Contact: Mary Ulm at [marygraceulm@gmail.com](mailto:marygraceulm@gmail.com) or  
Call/Text: 314-303-2103