

Zion Lutheran Church



*Twentieth Sunday
After Pentecost
October 2nd 2016*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by Dortha Heslop in Memory of Loved Ones and Jack & Jacque Oelschlager in Memory of Loved Ones.
- **ETERNAL LIGHT** is given by Bernice DeBoe in Memory of her niece Anastasia Godfrey.
- **CHILDREN'S CHOIR.** No practice on Sunday October 2nd!
- **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!
- **CHILI COOK-OFF** is next TODAY Sunday October 2nd. 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!!
- **VOTER'S MEETING:** A meeting of the Voters' Assembly will be held starting at 9:30 am on Sunday October 30th. The main item of business is approving the 2017 slate of officers for Zion Lutheran Bridgeville. Please plan to attend this important meeting between services on the 30th.
- **2016 CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM:** "*S is for Savior*" coming SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1 PM in the Sanctuary. A pizza/subs/salad/dessert lunch will be served in the Fellowship Hall immediately following second service and prior to the program. SAVE THE DATE: Come see and encourage our future generation of LCMS!
- **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY RETURNS...** honoring our friendship with Alissa, we will continue to "seamlessly" gather and study God's Word together. NEW STUDY is SEAMLESS (Understanding the Bible as One Complete Story) by Angie Smith. DATES: 6 THURSDAY nights (October 13th-November 17th), 7:15-8:45 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Childcare provided; dessert/refreshment served. Let's gather for great nourishment for mind, body, and soul! Please sign up in the narthex or contact Linda Kroeger, linda.w.kroeger@gmail.com or 281-684-9895. See you there!
- **SPOTLIGHT MINISTRY...** Following the presentation of 21 ministry groups at Zion's 1st Annual MINISTRY FAIR recently on Sept. 11th, 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.

- **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.zlcb.org/sermons

Welcome to worship!

Paul tells us to pray without ceasing. When you think about it, it really is astounding that the creator of the heavens and the earth, the judge of the whole world, our almighty, all-powerful God listens to our prayers. He hears us as he would hear a request from a child, because in Christ we are the children of our Heavenly Father.

But does Paul actually mean that we are to be in constant prayer? Well, life provides us the rhythm to constantly bring our joys and hopes, our pains and fears before God. From our waking moment until when we shut our eyes we are bombarded with things to thank God for. As we go through the day we encounter troubles big and small and our merciful and loving God hears us when we bring them to him. Luther said "Oh, if only I could pray the way this dog watches the meat! All his thoughts are concentrated on the piece of meat. Otherwise he has no thought, wish, or hope.". He had a way with words... but the imagery fits.

As we go through this period of pastoral vacancy, prayer is extremely important. Zion is teeming with items to pray for- our eventual new pastor (he is out there somewhere), our call committee, our church leadership, each and every member of our congregation. We can pray for wisdom, discernment, protection from the assaults of the devil, and most of all the continuance of faith in Christ.

As we come together to receive God's gifts and respond in prayer and praise may the Holy Spirit uplift and sustain you in Christ!

-Vicar Joshua

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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 God, We Praise Thy Name

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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

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may**

delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Absolution Spoken by the Pastor

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Hymn of Praise: Christ Be My Leader

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Kyrie

V In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

V For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

V For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

V For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

V Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

*This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.*

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Salutation and Collect of the Day

V The Lord be with you

C **And also with you**

V Let us pray. O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, by Your grace hear the prayers of Your Church. Grant that those things which we ask in faith we may receive through your bountiful mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen**

First Reading: Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

The oracle that Habakkuk the prophet saw.

O Lord, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not hear?

Or cry to you "Violence!"
and you will not save?

Why do you make me see iniquity,
and why do you idly look at wrong?

Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise.

So the law is paralyzed,
and justice never goes forth.

For the wicked surround the righteous;
so justice goes forth perverted.

I will take my stand at my watch post
and station myself on the tower,
and look out to see what he will say to me,
and what I will answer concerning my complaint.

And the Lord answered me:

“Write the vision;
make it plain on tablets,
so he may run who reads it.

For still the vision awaits its appointed time;
it hastens to the end—it will not lie.

If it seems slow, wait for it;
it will surely come; it will not delay.

“Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him,
but the righteous shall live by his faith.

Second Reading:

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God according to the promise
of the life that is in Christ Jesus,

To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that day what has been entrusted to me. Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

Alleluia and Verse (please stand)

Alleluia.

Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Reading:

Luke 17:1-10

And he said to his disciples, "Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin. Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, 'I repent,' you must forgive him."

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" And the Lord said, "If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

"Will any one of you who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, 'Come at once and recline at table'? Will he not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterward you will eat and drink'? Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.'"

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

Sermon Hymn: *Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying*

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Sermon – A Time of Hope... A Time of Temptation... A Time of Prayer

(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)

Prayer of the Church

Offertory – A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (8:00 am)
Reverence (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

Preface

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Holy Lord Almighty Father Everlasting God through Jesus Christ our Lord, who by the mystery of His death and resurrection has accomplished his wonderful work, calling us from the yoke of slavery to sin and death to receive the name of chosen race, royal priesthood, holy nation, and people of his own possession. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify your glorious name evermore praising you and saying:

Sanctus

People: (singing) Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

The Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C **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 Our Lord

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini (The Peace of the Lord)

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **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

O Savior, Precious Savior

527

Lamb of God

550

Faith and Truth and Life Bestowing

584

Post Communion Canticle (sung)

Thank the Lord and sing his praise, tell everyone what he has done.

Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.

He recalls his promises and leads His people forth in joy

With shouts of thanksgiving Alleluia! Alleluia!

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.

C Amen.

Postlude

† *Service Participants* †

Pastor:	Rev. Eric Carlson
Vicar:	Joshua Ulm
Music Director:	Mark Killinger
The Organist:	Sandra Quinlan
The Elders:	Robert Schmidt, Bill Bishop
The Acolyte:	Joey Ackerman (8:00) Anna Gresh (10:30)
The Greeters:	Brent & Marianne Miller & Millie Thielet (8:00) Lois Sauro (10:30)
The Ushers:	Melanie & Bill Becker (8:00) Mike Kozak & Ed Malachosky Sam Dragan, Loren Luedeman (10:30) Kari & John Gresh
Altar Guild:	Marianne Miller, Millie Thielet & Judy Meier
Nursery:	Susie Bishop & Adele Goodge

Last Week in Worship

Sunday Worship Attendance (9/25) -242

Wednesday Attendance (9/28) – 24

Sunday Offering (9/25) – \$4,076.00

Online Offering (9/19-9/25) - \$550.00

Hand bell Contribution – \$40.00

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

Week of Oct. 2nd – Oct. 9th

SUNDAY 10/2	8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion 9:15 AM – Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM – Worship w/Communion 11:45 AM – Event’s Committee Meeting 12:00 PM – South Fayette Chili Cook-off
MONDAY 10/3	7:00 PM – Confirmation 7:00 PM – Trustees Meeting
TUESDAY 10/4	7:00 PM – Choir Practice
WEDNESDAY 10/5	7:00 PM – Service of Prayer & Preaching & Small Group Bible Study (Psalms Study Beginning)
THURSDAY 10/6	10:00 AM – Bible Study 7:30 PM – Elders Meeting
FRIDAY 10/7	
SATURDAY 10/8	8:00 AM – Men’s Bible Breakfast 10:00 AM – Men’s Choir
SUNDAY 10/9	8:00 AM – Worship 9:15 AM – Adult Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30 AM – Worship 11:45 AM – Board Of Education 12:15 PM – Stephen Ministry



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, 1:00 pm*
- All are invited to wear Red!*
- 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

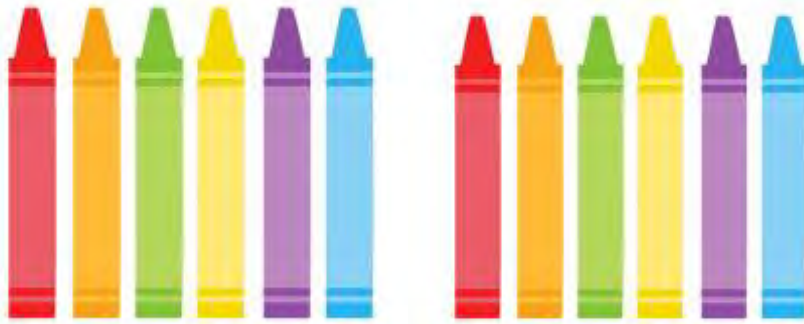
also perform selections on the piano, accordion, and pennywhistle.

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 29th At 5:30pm

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

Where:
Lutheran
Parking

Zion
Church
Lot



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