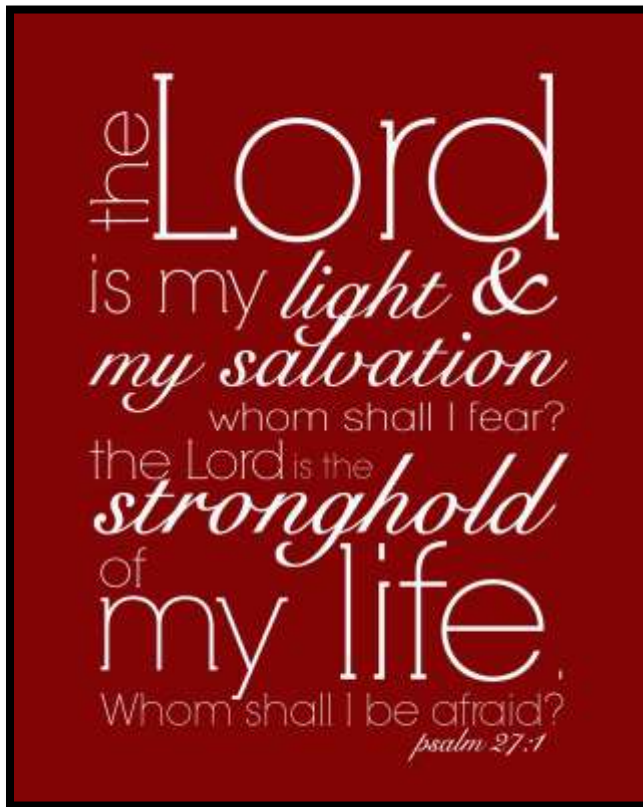


ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



SERVICE OF PRAYER AND
PREACHING
OCTOBER 5TH 2016



ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRUNK OR TREAT Calling all ADULTS and CHILDREN! Saturday October 29th at 5:30 we will be having our first “Trunk or Treat”. What is a Trunk or Treat? Adults decorate their trunks and pass out candy to the kids and the kids dress up in costumes and walk from trunk to trunk to get the candy. Safe fun for the whole family! Cider and donuts will be provided!

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.

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!

Welcome to worship!

Our Psalm this evening is one of victory. David knows who he is and what he has as a child of God. The first half of the Psalm shows the pure joy of a man who is secure, taking refuge in the one who is able to deliver him. Only in the second half of the Psalm do we realize that this Psalm of victory is also David's plea in a time of trouble. Only in the second half do we realize that "when evildoers assail me" is right now! His confidence in God is astounding, even in the face of great oppression.

Also in this Psalm, David says he will *seek* to dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of his life. His heart says to God "your face, LORD, do I *seek*". Is this Law or Gospel? What does it mean to seek God? This will come up again and again as we search the Psalms. We will discuss this in our sermon tonight and our study after worship.

May God strengthen your faith as you hear His Word!
-Vicar Joshua

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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 Service of Prayer and Preaching

Vicar: The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at the last

People: Amen.

Vicar: 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.*

First Reading: John 16:25-33

25 “I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. 26 In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; 27 for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. 28 I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father.”

29 His disciples said, “Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! 30 Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God.” 31 Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe? 32 Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. 33 I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

Second Reading: Psalm 27

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

When evildoers assail me
to eat up my flesh,
my adversaries and foes,
it is they who stumble and fall.

Though an army encamp against me,
my heart shall not fear;
though war arise against me,
yet I will be confident.

One thing have I asked of the Lord,
that will I seek after:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord
and to inquire in his temple.

For he will hide me in his shelter
in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will lift me high upon a rock.

And now my head shall be lifted up
above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in his tent
sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud;
 be gracious to me and answer me!
You have said, "Seek my face."
My heart says to you,
 "Your face, Lord, do I seek."
 Hide not your face from me.
Turn not your servant away in anger,
 O you who have been my help.
Cast me not off; forsake me not,
 O God of my salvation!
For my father and my mother have forsaken me,
 but the Lord will take me in.
Teach me your way, O Lord,
 and lead me on a level path
 because of my enemies.
Give me not up to the will of my adversaries;
 for false witnesses have risen against me,
 and they breathe out violence.
I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the Lord
 in the land of the living!
14 Wait for the Lord;
 be strong, and let your heart take courage;
 wait for the Lord!

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

Vicar: In peace let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Vicar: 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.

Vicar: 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.

Vicar: 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.

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

People: Lord, have mercy.

Vicar: 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.

Vicar: 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.

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

People: Lord, have mercy.

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

People: Lord, have mercy.

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

People: Lord, have mercy.

Vicar: 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

Vicar: 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.