

Zion Lutheran Church



**Service of Prayer and
Preaching
October 26th 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.

TRUSTEE CLEAN-UP DAY will be on Sunday Nov.13th following the late service. Pizza and drinks will be provided before we head outside to do some fall clean-up around the church! Please mark your calendars and come out and help for as little or as much time as you can!

Welcome to worship!

What is repentance? We can talk about it in theory rather easily. We can look at the original meaning of the Greek and Hebrew words. We can look at Biblical examples of repentance. All of these are good things, and we will consider some of them in the service this evening. But for a moment consider these two passages from Scripture.

The first is a narrative account from a parable of Christ in Matthew 21: "A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' And he answered, 'I will not,' but afterward he changed his mind and went."

The second is from our reading tonight, Psalm 102: "My heart is struck down like grass and has withered;

I forget to eat my bread.

Because of my loud groaning
my bones cling to my flesh."

Both of these are about repentance. In the narrative it is simple "he changed his mind". We can learn of repentance from this verse. But the Psalm is also helpful, giving unique insight to the experience of one man, the emotional experience of one who is sorry for his sin and turns to God.

May God bless your worship this evening!

-Vicar Joshua

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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: Psalm 102

Hear my prayer, O Lord;

let my cry come to you!

Do not hide your face from me
in the day of my distress!

Incline your ear to me;
answer me speedily in the day when I call!

For my days pass away like smoke,
and my bones burn like a furnace.

My heart is struck down like grass and has withered;
I forget to eat my bread.

Because of my loud groaning
my bones cling to my flesh.

I am like a desert owl of the wilderness,
like an owl of the waste places;

I lie awake;
I am like a lonely sparrow on the housetop.

All the day my enemies taunt me;
those who deride me use my name for a curse.
For I eat ashes like bread
and mingle tears with my drink,
because of your indignation and anger;
for you have taken me up and thrown me down.
My days are like an evening shadow;
I wither away like grass.
But you, O Lord, are enthroned forever;
you are remembered throughout all generations.
You will arise and have pity on Zion;
it is the time to favor her;
the appointed time has come.
For your servants hold her stones dear
and have pity on her dust.
Nations will fear the name of the Lord,
and all the kings of the earth will fear your glory.
For the Lord builds up Zion;
he appears in his glory;
he regards the prayer of the destitute
and does not despise their prayer.
Let this be recorded for a generation to come,
so that a people yet to be created may praise the Lord:
that he looked down from his holy height;
from heaven the Lord looked at the earth,
to hear the groans of the prisoners,
to set free those who were doomed to die,
that they may declare in Zion the name of the Lord,

and in Jerusalem his praise,
when peoples gather together,
and kingdoms, to worship the Lord.
He has broken my strength in midcourse;
he has shortened my days.
“O my God,” I say, “take me not away
in the midst of my days—
you whose years endure
throughout all generations!”
Of old you laid the foundation of the earth,
and the heavens are the work of your hands.
They will perish, but you will remain;
they will all wear out like a garment.
You will change them like a robe, and they will pass away,
but you are the same, and your years have no end.
The children of your servants shall dwell secure;
their offspring shall be established before you.

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: Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints,
and give thanks to his holy name *Psalm 30:4*

People: Gracious God, we give you thanks for your great glory.

Vicar: Oh, how abundant is your goodness,
which you have stored up for those who fear you
and worked for those who take refuge in you,
in the sight of the children of mankind! *Psalm 31:9*

People: We thank you for your work on behalf of your people

Vicar: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being. *Psalm 104:33*

People: Accept our praise and thanksgiving, O God of our salvation

Vicar: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered. *Psalm 32:1*

People: Thank you for covering our sins with the blood of Jesus

Vicar: Teach me your way, O Lord,
that I may walk in your truth;
unite my heart to fear your name. *Psalm 86:11*

People: Instruct us with your Word, o God.

Vicar: Rise up; come to our help!
Redeem us for the sake of your steadfast love! *Psalm 44:26*

People: When trouble comes, be our helper in time of need

Vicar: [The Lord] heals the brokenhearted
and binds up their wounds. *Psalm 147:3*

People: Grant healing of body and soul to those we love

Vicar: Arise, O Lord; O God, lift up your hand;
forget not the afflicted. *Psalm 10:12*

People: Come to the aid of the needy and the oppressed, o God.

Vicar: God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble *Psalm 46:1*

People: Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,

though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea. *Psalm 46:2*

Vicar: "Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!"

Psalm 46:10

**People: The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

Psalm 46:11

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.