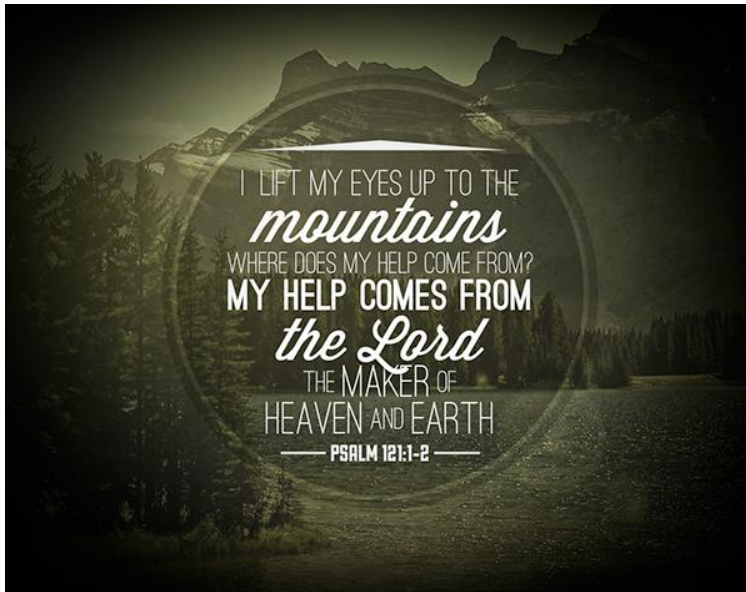


ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



March 12th, 2017
Second Sunday in Lent



ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Jack & Jacque Oelschlager in Memory of Loved Ones and Paul & Terry Hayes in Memory of Loved Ones .

ETERNAL LIGHT is given by Elsie DallaPiazza in Memory of Richard O "Donnell.

THIS WEEK'S FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE....is from JOE FAINI. Hebrews 12:1b-2 NIV *And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before Him He endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.*

VICAR'S BOOK OF THE MONTH for March is Bo Giertz "The Hammer of God". You can check it out of the Zion library!

ALL THINGS NEW SESSION 6 TAKEAWAY... God calls each of us to our own area of ministry.
BE FRIENDLY IN THE PEWS....if you see someone you haven't met or someone new to Zion, say hello and welcome!

IN THE SPOTLIGHT....ASSIMILATION: WE HAVE THE MEET AND GREET! Looking for friendly, smiling WELCOME TABLE HOSTS happy to visit briefly (15 minutes?) with guests and visitors after each service to: 1. Welcome guests 2. Provide information about Zion and answer questions 3. Obtain contact information 4. Share a Welcome Bag! Please contact Linda Kroeger ([281-684-9895](tel:281-684-9895) or linda.w.kroeger@gmail.com) if interested!

COULD YOU DEFEND what you believe about Creation in a casual conversation? A short but mighty booklet edited by our own TED SIEK summarizes the main talking points of last August's Genesis Seminar here at Zion. A small investment of your time will yield great insight into this very fundamental debate about the origin of life. Receive a complimentary copy at the spotlight table.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR...don't miss the ALL-CHURCH SPRING COOKOUT on SUNDAY, MAY 21st, right after second service. Fabulous food, fun and fellowship are on the agenda!

PUT ME IN, COACH, I'M READY TO PLAY...touch base with team manager LEVI BAER of the ZION LIONS coed softball team if you can make time for fun, fellowship and fitness. The team needs you!! Here are the details: 1. "Spring training" is on the church lawn in early April 2. Season play begins in late April 3. Cost to cover league fee is usually about \$60 per player 4. New players (church membership not required) are always welcome; contact LEVI BAER at baer.levi@gmail.com.

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.

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 Zion Lutheran Church

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Our help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.

Psalm 121, the text for our sermon today, is a tremendous Psalm of comfort in the life of a Christian. It's difficult to fathom the fact that the one who created the earth and all that is in it cares for you. Martin Luther touches on this in his explanation to the first article of the creed "I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, **and still takes care of them.**" God has made you and never will stop caring for you.

God's care for you extends beyond the life and physical wellbeing that he grants you. He has given His Son to die and rise for you and shows His care even today in His Word and Sacraments. As we examine Psalm 121 today we will look at its importance to Jews making a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. We will see the tremendous assurances given by Almighty God. Most importantly, we will look at this Psalm in relation to you, and examine how God helps each of us in time of trouble.

May God Bless Your Worship!

-Vicar Joshua



ZION EQUIPS, EDUCATES, AND ENCOURAGES BELIEVERS IN CHRIST, SENDING THEM INTO THE WORLD TO SHARE THE GOSPEL.

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Invocation

☑ In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

☑ **Amen.**

Exhortation

☑ Our help is in the name of the Lord,

☑ **who made heaven and earth.**

☑ If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

☑ **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

☑ Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, and let us call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

☑ **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen**

Prayer for Forgiveness

☑ Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

☑ **Amen.**

Psalm 121

☑ I lift up my eyes to the hills.

From where does my help come?

My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved;

he who keeps you will not slumber.
Behold, he who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.
The LORD is your keeper;
the LORD is your shade on your right hand.
The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.
The LORD will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.
The LORD will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time forth and forevermore.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy ; as it was in the beginning
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Kyrie

- In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**
- For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**
- 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.
- Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**
- For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us
pray to the Lord.
- Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**
- Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.
- Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

Collect for The Second Sunday in Lent

- The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.**
- Let us pray.

O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 12:1-9

Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD. And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

Romans 4: 1-8, 13-17

What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness." Now to the one who works,

his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. And to the one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:

“Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven,
and whose sins are covered;
blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.”

The promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith.

For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

V The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 3rd chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Gospel Reading

John 3:1-17

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless

one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

[Jesus said:] "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You , O Christ.

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.**

Sermon Hymn - Amazing Grace

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Sermon

New Member Installation

8:00 am – Sara Hajduk

10:30 am – Tom, Kara, John & Carley Garrubba

Prayer of the Church

- Lord in your mercy**
- hear our prayer.**

Lord's Prayer

- Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray
- 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.**

Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

Please be seated. Following the Offering Music the congregation will stand.

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 stop by the welcome desk on your way out of church this morning.

Benedicamus and Benediction

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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 ☩ give you peace.

Amen.

Closing Hymn - Beautiful Savior

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Prayer Request for Family & Friends

The Church:

-For our homebound members: Tom Bicusky, Ruth Miller, Jim Lynch, George and Florence Boehme, Lois Dittmer, Norm and Helen Erbrecht, Dorothy Smelko, and Don Jones.

-Healing for Janet Hickey, Jack Oelschlager, Florence Boehme, Gloria Godfrey, Marian Siek, Sarah & Michael Erbrecht, Gladys Cimarolli, Joyce Wood, Roxanne Burgh, Henry Dittmer, Cletus Kroeger, Ruth Miller, Lois Klemash, Irene Bourg, Nancy Spotti, Bob Rondinelli, Aly Mance, Robin Dunbar, Diane Scandolari, Ezra Hildebrand, Reggie Ford, Deana Thielet, Bill Koester, Nancy Koester, Sammy's Dad, Bruce Klemash, Vinny, Dave Hutula, and Dom Santaguida.

-For Rev. Edward Grimenstein as he prepares to become Zion's next pastor.

-For our missionaries, especially the Naumanns, Lohmeyers, and Dukes.

-For all who care for loved ones with illnesses

-For the ministry of Zion Lutheran Preschool

Thanksgiving:

-Thankfulness for the forgiveness of sins and eternal life.

The World:

-For an end to abortion and human trafficking.

-For the youth in our community.

Our Nation:

-For those in Foster Care and those looking to adopt.

-For the disabled, unborn and aged.

-For those whose work is dangerous, especially Jared Fitzgerald.

- For godly care of the earth

† *Service Participants* †

Vicar:	Joshua Ulm
Music Director:	Mark Killinger
The Organist:	Sandra Quinlan
The Elders:	Bill Bishop & Peter Fisher
The Acolyte:	Joey Ackerman (8:00) Augie Bishop (10:30)
The Greeters:	Bernice DeBoe (8:00) Bill & Susie Bishop & Family (10:30)
The Ushers:	Brian Pasquini, Debbie Ford, (8:00) Dale Miller, Barb & Wayne Oechslein Ross Chilcott, Dan Harris (10:30) Kari & John Gresh
Altar Guild:	Janet & Marian Oelschlager
Nursery:	Brittany Dill & Lara Luedeman

Last Week in Worship

Sunday Worship Attendance (3/5) – 187

Lenten Mid-week Service Attendance (3/8) – 42

Sunday Offering (3/5) - \$6,163.56

Ash Wednesday Offering - \$ 637.00

Online Offering (2/25-3/5) - \$ 1,340.00

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

Week of March 12th - March 19th

<p>SUNDAY 3/12 Food Bank Collection</p>	<p>8:00 AM – Worship 9:15 AM – Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM – Worship 11:45 AM – Children’s Choir</p>
<p>MONDAY 3/13</p>	<p>7:00 PM – Confirmation</p>
<p>TUESDAY 3/14</p>	<p>7:15 PM – Women’s Bible Study</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY 3/15</p>	<p>7:00 PM – Lenten Midweek Service</p>
<p>THURSDAY 3/16</p>	<p>10:00 AM – Bible Study 7:00 PM – Adult Choir Practice 7:00 PM – Capernaum/Young Life Info Meeting (All Welcome)</p>
<p>FRIDAY 3/17</p>	<p>8:00 PM – Middle School Youth Group Activity Women’s Retreat @ Camp Pioneer</p>
<p>SATURDAY 3/18</p>	<p>8:00 AM – Men’s Bible Breakfast 9:30 PM – Men’s Choir Practice Women’s Retreat @ Camp Pioneer</p>
<p>SUNDAY 3/19</p>	<p>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 Women’s Retreat @ Camp Pioneer</p>

Meet our New Pastor & Family

**Pastor and Family will be at the 10:30 Service on April 9th (Palm Sunday)
expect a Long greeting line at the end of the service!!**

**Installation will be on April 9th at 2:00 PM. Reception Following is being
planned**

Meet Pastor Grimenstein & Family!

Wife

- **Tevia (T[^] ev – e – ^a)**

Children

- **Lydia 18**
- **Anna 16**
- **Michael 14**
- **Sara 11**
- **Joshua 10**
- **Daniel 7**
- **Nathan 3**
- **(Coming soon – Due June 7th)**



Upcoming Middle School Youth Group Event



Black
Light
Night

DODGEBALL

When?	March 30
Where?	Basement of Zion Lutheran Church
Who?	Anyone in 6-8th Grade
Time?	8-10pm
Address?	3197 Washington Pike, Bridgeville
Food?	Pizza!
Cost?	\$0

Wear something
White or Neon

younglife
wyldlife



**Mark your calendar
with this date
correction!!
Friday March 31st**