

# Zion Lutheran Church



8<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost  
July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by Carol Ann & Joe Pracel for the Glory of God and in loving memory of Dick Wible & MeMaw and Grandpa Meier in Honor of their grand-daughter Sierra's baptism anniversary.

**ETERNAL LIGHT** is given by Ron & Judy Meier in Honor of Family.

**MISSION TRIP:** Mark your calendar for this Summer's mission trip. August 2<sup>nd</sup>-August 7<sup>th</sup> @ Camp Pioneer. This trip is open to all age groups. Look for more information coming soon! See Andrea Vogel with any questions.

**CHURCH NURSERY:** Thanks to everyone who volunteered to help staff a nursery for kids age 0-2 during the 10:30 Service! The Nursery ("Little Lions") opens today, July 19<sup>th</sup> in the lower level of the building. (If you need help locating the nursery, please ask an Usher or Greeter for assistance.)

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH:** Alissa is looking for more volunteers to help with Children's Church. See Alissa if you have questions or if you are interested in volunteering.

**ALTER GUILD VOLUNTEERS** are still needed. If you would like more information on how to join alter guild please contact Janet Oelschlager or the church secretaries.

**THEY'RE BACK!** Midweek Service of Prayer and Preaching, Thursday Morning Bible Study, and Saturday Men's Bible Study are all back and in action this week! Hope you can make it.

**EVENTS COMMITTEE.** At last month's Voters' Meeting, the proposal was put forth to form an Events Committee, responsible for events that focus on outreach and fellowship. We will be voting to amend our Church Constitution to give the head of the Events Committee a seat on the Council at the next Voters' meeting. If you would like more information about the Events Committee and the proposed Amendment to the Constitution, please contact the church office.

**ROMANS.** We will be starting a Bible Study Series on the book of Romans in conjunction with our Wednesday Evening Service of Prayer and Preaching starting in October. We will have child care and a program for the teens. Look for more information in the August Newsletter.

**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](http://www.zlcb.org/sermons)

# Welcome to worship!

This morning, our Back to Basics series continues as we begin our study of the Lord's Prayer as we take a look at what it means that we pray to "our Father in heaven." We are also seeking to draw awareness for the persecuted church by wearing orange; many of us sporting our "because of their faith" tee shirts.

We spent last week looking at some of the prayers of God's people, of God himself, and even the prayer of people who were not God's covenant people. And we say, in every case, how God exceeded the expectations of the people who prayed to him. And we saw that the reason why this was the case was because praying to God is not like an attorney presenting his case to an impartial, disinterested judge, but like a child talking to their loving dad.

We're going to build off what we talked about last week and really examine what it means for us to pray to "our Father in heaven." Don't forget that you can ask questions that come up during the sermon, or other questions you have about prayer on the appropriate insert, place it in the offering plate or hand it to me after the service. Your questions will be answered at the Wednesday Evening Service of Prayer and Preaching. If you can't make it to the service, you can always listen online; the sermon is usually posted later that evening or Thursday morning by our very own Webmaster.

God bless your time in worship

-Pastor Duncan

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# The Divine Service

(Please take a moment to fill out the Attendance books. If you are visiting us this morning, please indicate so in the Attendance Book. We are glad you chose to worship at Zion this morning!)

## *Introduction to Worship and Announcements*

*Opening Hymn: My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

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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*

As you prepare to confess your sins, think back over the last week. The hurtful words, the loveless deeds, and the unhealthy thought you have had and done; and leave them all at the foot of the cross.

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord, Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**People: who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**People: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Pastor: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**People: O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

## *Absolution spoken by the Pastor*

### **Hymn of Praise: This Is the Feast**

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#### **Refrain:**

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

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

#### **[REFRAIN]**

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

#### **[REFRAIN]**

*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.*

#### **[REFRAIN]**

*For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.*

#### **[REFRAIN]**

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

(Please be seated)

## **The Service of the Word**

### **The Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34**

“Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the Lord. For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

## **The New Testament Reading: Galatians 4:1-7**

I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

**Pastor:** In honor of our Lord Jesus Christ, we rise for the reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 7<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

## **The Gospel Reading: Matthew 7:7-11**

"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

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

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

(Please be seated)

***Sermon Hymn: Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me***

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***Sermon***

(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.

(Please be seated)

## ***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: 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."

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**People:** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.  
**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.

**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, grant us peace.*

(Please be seated until it is your time to commune.)

### ***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***

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing	633
Take My Life and Let It Be	784
Seek Ye First	712

***Benediction***

**People:        Amen**

<b><i>The Recessional: Fight the Good Fight</i></b>	<b>664</b>
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## † *Service Participants* †

Pastor:	The Rev. Duncan McLellan
Music Director:	Mark Killinger
The Organist:	Sandra Quinlan
The Elders:	Paul Klemash & Ken Wuerthele
The Acolyte:	Chris Yellig (8:00) Lara Luedeman (10:30)
The Greeters:	Bernice DeBoe (8:00) Bill & Susie Bishop & Family (10:30)
The Ushers:	Josh Gielarowski, Dale Miller Barb & Wayne Oechslein (8:00) Ross Chilcott, Sam Dragan Dan Harris & Chuck LaJeunesse (10:30)
Altar Guild:	Penney Miller, Clara Hayes & Sandra Bryant

### **Last Week in Worship**

Sunday Worship Attendance (7/12) - 187

Wednesday Attendance (7/8) - 15

Sunday Offering (7/12) - \$4,436.00

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

# Week of July 19<sup>th</sup> – July 26<sup>th</sup>

<p><b>SUNDAY</b> 7/19</p> <p><b>ORANGE OUT SUNDAY</b></p>	<p>8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion 9:15 AM – Cake &amp; Punch Reception for Pastors 10 year Anniversary 10:30 AM–Worship w/Communion</p>
<p><b>MONDAY</b> 7/20</p>	
<p><b>TUESDAY</b> 7/21</p>	<p>7:00 PM – Zion Lions Softball</p>
<p><b>WEDNESDAY</b> 7/22</p>	<p>7:00 PM – Prayer &amp; Preaching Service</p>
<p><b>THURSDAY</b> 7/23</p>	<p>10:00 AM – Bible Study</p>
<p><b>FRIDAY</b> 7/24</p>	
<p><b>SATURDAY</b> 7/25</p>	<p>8:00 AM – Men’s Bible Breakfast</p>
<p><b>SUNDAY</b> 7/26</p>	<p>8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion 9:30 AM – Bible Study (Fellowship Hall) 10:30 AM – Worship w/Communion and Children’s Church</p>