

Zion Lutheran Church



17<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost  
September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by The Kroeger & Carter Families in Honor of Cletus Kroeger's 91<sup>st</sup> Birthday and Bernice DeBoe in Honor of Rob & Denise DeBoe's 30<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

**ETERNAL LIGHT** is given by The Kroeger & Carter Families in Honor of Cletus Kroeger's 91<sup>st</sup> Birthday.

**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.)

**CHILI COOK-OFF** is almost here! We are looking forward to entering our Winning Chili into the cook-off. Come out to support us on October 4<sup>th</sup> from 12-4 @ Fairview Park. We need your votes to win again!

**LUTHERAN WITNESS** is available to order through the church. The cost is \$11.50 for a year subscription. Email secretary@zlcg.org to order.

**M@ZE** is off and running! Join us on Wednesday to see the M@ZE experience at the Wednesday evening prayer and preaching service.

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH** can use your help! We want to expand Children's Church to twice monthly. If you want to help out with this ministry to our children, please contact Pastor Duncan or the Church Office. We'd love to have you serve!

**M@P-3.** The Fall Men's Retreat at Camp Pioneer is scheduled for the 12<sup>th</sup> (or 13<sup>th</sup>, if you can't get off work) through the 15<sup>th</sup> of November. Information about the retreat and a sign-up sheet are both in the narthex area. Sign-up today! Space is limited.

**ADULT CHOIR** rehearsals are MOVING to Tuesday nights starting Oct.6th from 7:00-8:00PM. We are looking to add to our numbers from last year! Do not worry if you can't attend regularly, we can work around just about any schedule!

**CONCORDIA OKTOBERFEST** is being held at the Cabot location on Saturday Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> from 4-8PM. See flyer in the narthex for more information!

**OLD PORTALS OF PRAYER** are being collected in the narthex. Please put your old portals of prayer in the box marked in the narthex. They will be used for prison ministry.

**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. A sign-up sheet is in the entryway/narthex if you would like to know more, or if you are planning on attending.

**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)

**BIBLE CLASS TODAY** Bill Lohmeyer will be sharing his missionary work in the Dominican Republic with use during Adult Bible Class this morning.

# Welcome to worship!

Our Back to Basics series continues as we begin a four-week unit on Baptism. Baptism. If you want to get a room full of Christians to disagree on something, ask them what they believe about Baptism, stand back, and let the fireworks begin. But here we are, about to embark on a study of Baptism. For those of you who grew up in a different denomination, this might be confusing, as what you'll be hearing over the next four weeks will (at times) fly in the face of what you grew up being taught. And even for those of you who are LCMS-lifers, don't be surprised if what we talk about over the next four weeks doesn't sound like what you grew up hearing either. (I've heard some less than stellar teaching on baptism from within our own synod.) And if you grew up hearing something about Baptism, believe it is a good thing, but are somewhat unsure about what it is and does exactly... well, you're in the right place.

This morning, we begin our study on Baptism by going to Scripture and seeing where we get the command to do Baptism (Matthew 28). Next week, we will take a look at what Baptism does (is it mere symbolism or does it actually do something for the person who receives it?). In the third week of our study, we will take a look at who is to be baptized. Is it for everyone? Is it for people who already believe in Jesus? Should babies be baptized? And, lastly, we'll take a look at what other Christian groups have to say about Baptism, what some of the strengths and weaknesses of their positions are, and how we can educate people about what Baptism is and does.

It's going to be a busy 4-week unit on Baptism! Glad you're here to be a part of it. And don't forget, if you have any questions about what you are hearing, we've got an insert somewhere here in your bulletin for you to ask what you want, and place it in the offering plate or give it to me after the service. They will all be answered at our Midweek Service of Prayer and Preaching on Wednesday at 7:00pm (and which will also be posted on our website, [zlc.org](http://zlc.org)).

God bless your time in worship this morning!

-Pastor Duncan

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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 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!)

## *Prelude – Praeambulum*

## *Introduction to Worship and Announcements*

*Opening Hymn: O Bless the Lord, My Soul*

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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, trusting in Jesus to forgive.

Pastor: This morning, we begin our Back to Basics study on Baptism. In Baptism, we have been called to be children of our father in heaven, and have been given the gift of the Holy Spirit so that we can live a sanctified life. But we have denied our identity and have refused to live under the controlling influence of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, let us confess our sins to God, trusting in his mercy through Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**People: Father in heaven, you have given me faith, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and everything I need to live a life pleasing to you. But I have shamed you by my reckless living. I have tried to fit in with the world instead of standing apart from the world and living according to my calling. I ask that you would have mercy on me, forgive me and help me to live the Baptismal life you have called me to live. I ask this, trusting in your mercy through Jesus, my Savior. Amen.**

## ***Absolution Spoken by the Pastor***

**People: Amen.**

## ***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: 2 Kings 5:1-14**

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master and in high favor, because by him the Lord had given victory to Syria. He was a mighty man of valor, but he was a leper. Now the Syrians on one of their raids had carried off a little girl from the land of Israel, and she worked in the service of Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "Would that my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." So Naaman went in and told his lord, "Thus and so spoke the girl from the land of Israel." And the king of Syria said, "Go now, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel." So

he went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten changes of clothing. And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you Naaman my servant, that you may cure him of his leprosy." And when the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Only consider, and see how he is seeking a quarrel with me." But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent to the king, saying, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come now to me, that he may know that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and stood at the door of Elisha's house. And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." But Naaman was angry and went away, saying, "Behold, I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call upon the name of the Lord his God, and wave his hand over the place and cure the leper. Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" So he turned and went away in a rage. But his servants came near and said to him, "My father, it is a great word the prophet has spoken to you; will you not do it? Has he actually said to you, 'Wash, and be clean'?" So he went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God, and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

### **The New Testament Reading: Acts 2:29-41**

"Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, he foresaw and spoke about the

resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, "The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool." Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified." Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

**Pastor:** In honor of our Lord Jesus Christ, we rise for the reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 28<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

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

### **The Gospel Reading: Matthew 28:16-20**

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to

observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

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

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

(Please be seated)

***Sermon Hymn: Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness***

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***Sermon***

(Please stand)

***The Nicene Creed***

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth and of 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)

***Offertory- (10:30) Adult Choir – Make Me a Channel of Your Peace***



## ***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)***

*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.*

(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***

How Firm a Foundation 728

Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me 722

Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways 707

## ***Benediction***

People: Amen

***The Recessional: My Faith Looks Up to Thee*** 702

***Postlude – My Faith Looks Up to Thee***

## † *Service Participants* †

Pastor:	Rev. Duncan McLellan
Music Director:	Mark Killinger
The Organist:	Sandra Quinlan
Pianist:	Shelley Killinger
The Elders:	Ken Wuerthele Mike Sterba
The Acolyte:	Josiah Ackerman (8:00) Lara Luedeman (10:30)
The Greeters:	Carl & Karen Bauer (8:00) Eric & Michelle Hunsberger (10:30)
The Ushers:	Kathleen Conn, Bill Schrag Larry Zreliak (8:00) Sam Dragan, Steve Gauger Kari & John Gresh (10:30)
Altar Guild:	Diana Schmidt, Megan Pasquini & Barb Oechslein
Nursery 10:30 service:	Megan Pasquini & Debbie Ford

### **Last Week in Worship**

Sunday Worship Attendance (9/13) -219

Wednesday Attendance (9/16) - 18

Sunday Offering (9/13) - \$4,753.66

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

# Week of Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> – Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>

<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>9/20</b>	8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion 9:30 AM –Adult Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30 AM – Worship w/Communion
<b>MONDAY</b> <b>9/21</b>	
<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>9/22</b>	9:00 AM – Mom’s In Prayer 7:30 PM – Women’s Bible Study
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>9/23</b>	7:00 PM – Prayer & Preaching Service 7:45 PM – Choir Practice 8:30 PM – M@ZE @ Zion
<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>9/24</b>	10:00 AM – Bible Study
<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>9/25</b>	
<b>SATURDAY</b> <b>9/26</b>	8:00 AM – Men’s Bible Breakfast
<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>9/27</b>	8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion 9:30 AM –Adult Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30 AM – Worship w/Communion & Children’s Church