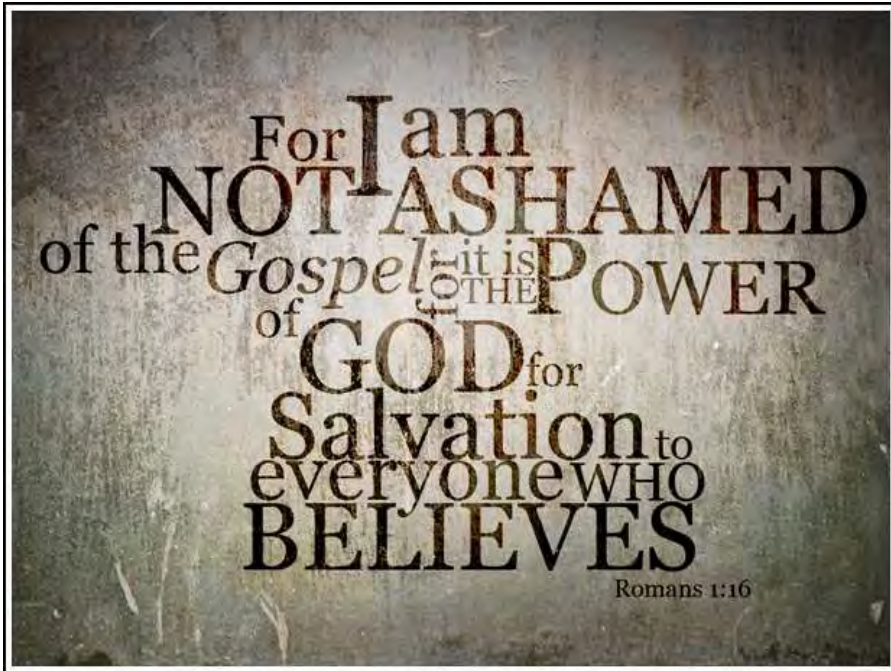


ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



Service of Prayer and Preaching
October 7th 2015



ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRAINING LEADERS INTERNATIONAL. Darren Carlson, President of Training Leaders International will be with us this Sunday, educating us about non-traditional educational models for training Pastors at home and abroad. Join us during the Bible Study hour!

M@P-3! The men are going back to Camp Pioneer this November (12-15th) for a time of prayer, fellowship, Bible Study, worship and recreation. We'll be getting to know Jesus better by taking a look at his parables from the Gospel of Luke. All men are welcome to attend all or a portion of the retreat. More information and a sign-up sheet are available in the narthex area. Hope you can make it!

BIBLE STUDIES. We've got a number of Bible studies here at Zion throughout the week. Starting on Sunday, we've got an Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall. On Tuesday from 7:30-8:45, the women have a study of the three letters of John in the Fellowship Hall. There is a Bible Study for everyone on Thursday morning at 10:00am in the Conference Room. And on Saturday at 8:00am, the men are studying the history before, during and after the Reformation.

PIG ROAST. We're having one. Along with a bonfire and other Big Dumb Fun. This is the last week to get your tickets! So stop by the church office or pick them up after the Sunday Services. Check out the church's website for this and other upcoming events here at Zion!

Fall Clean Up. This Sunday, we are having a work day immediately following the late service. We will be gathering/hauling/splitting wood, running hedge trimmers and weed eaters, power washers, raking, and general cleanup. Something for everyone!! Childcare and lunch will be provided.

Welcome to worship!

This evening we are beginning our Midweek Study of the book of Romans. I'll say it as plainly as I can: there is no other book in the Bible that more clearly teaches the Gospel than Romans. In his letter to the Christians in Rome, Paul lays out what the problem people have is (sin), what it results in (death), what God has done about it (sent Jesus to keep the Law, die in our place on the cross, and conquer death in his resurrection), what this means for us (salvation by grace through faith), and how we should live as a result (serve God).

Tonight, I want to give you a few introductory remarks about the book and get you ready for some general discussion questions for your time in small groups following the service. If you did not order a Romans study book, don't worry! We can get you one and you're more than able to join one of the small groups.

I am looking forward to this study and out time together in small groups. This is the first time we've done something like this (coordinating a worship service with small group discussion), so please bear with us as we work out any first-time kinks that develop.

God bless your time in worship (and Small Group!) as we begin our study on the foremost of the Epistles and the cornerstone of the Gospel.

-Pastor Duncan McLellan

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The Service of Prayer and Preaching

The Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Confession of Sins

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto 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: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Absolution Spoken by the Pastor

People: Amen.

The Reading: Romans 1:8-17

First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed in all the world. For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I mention

you always in my prayers, asking that somehow by God's will I may now at last succeed in coming to you. For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you— that is, that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine. I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that I have often intended to come to you (but thus far have been prevented), in order that I may reap some harvest among you as well as among the rest of the Gentiles. I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish. So I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome.

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

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 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

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Almighty God, You have called Your Church to witness that in Christ You have reconciled us to Yourself. Grant that by Your Holy Spirit we may proclaim the good news of Your salvation so that all who hear it may receive the gift of salvation. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Almighty and everlasting God, You desire not the death of a sinner but that all would repent and live. Hear our prayers for those outside the Church. Take away their iniquity, and turn them from their false gods to You, the living and true God. Gather them into Your holy Church to the glory of Your name. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, without Your help our labor is useless, and without Your light our search is in vain. Invigorate our study of Your holy Word that, by due diligence and right discernment, we may establish ourselves and others in Your holy faith. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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 from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen

The Benedicamus and Benediction

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Let us go forth in peace,

People: in the name of the Lord. Amen.