

Zion Lutheran Church



20th Sunday After Pentecost
October 11th, 2015

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Renee Trudel & Michael Doak in Honor of their wedding and Paul & Terry Hayes in Honor of their anniversary.

ETERNAL LIGHT is given by Judith Dames in Memory of Gregory, Raymond, Andy and Paula.

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.)

FALL CLEAN-UP WORK DAY: Immediately following the 10:30 church service today we will be having our Fall Cleanup Day. The Trustees are providing lunch and will have work projects for all ages.

Childcare for little ones ages 4 and under will be provided. There’s no Steeler game today so why not stay and make a difference at God’s house! Whatever amount of time you have to give will be appreciated.

CHILDRENS CHOIR will start on Oct. 27th and will be every Tuesday from 6:00 – 6:45 PM, Kids ages 7-12 are welcome!!

OCTOBER IS REFORMATION MONTH @ ZION: In our adult and children’s Sunday School classes at 9:15 am each Sunday, we will be learning about Martin Luther’s rediscovery of the gospel through scripture, which led to the Reformation in the 16th century. We will also be learning more about how Zion members can help commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation (2017) via *The Wittenberg Project* – see the flyer in today’s bulletin and the informational table in the back of the sanctuary.

October 11th – Teaching about Luther and the Reformation for students in grades Preschool through high school.

October 18th – “Meet Martin Luther” a live presentation for kids of all ages.

October 25th – Reformation-inspired art project for kids in Preschool through 5th grade.

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 12th (or 13th, if you can’t get off work) through the 15th 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 Tuesdays 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!

ROMANS. We started a Bible Study Series on the book of Romans in conjunction with our Wednesday Evening Service of Prayer and Preaching. We will have child care and a program for the teens.

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 worship!

This morning we wrap up our Back to Basics unit on Baptism. So far, we have taken a look at the authority we have been given to baptize, how baptism connects us to Christ (and what that means), as well as seeing that baptism was intended to be given to everyone. Along the way, we have also seen some mistakes that are made when it comes to how people come to an understanding about baptism, confusing the baptism of John with the baptism commanded by Jesus; taking descriptive passages of Scripture prescriptively; and claiming to be baptized into a particular denomination instead of being baptized into Christ. This morning, as we wrap up our study on baptism, we will take a look at what other groups have to say about baptism, and try to come to an understanding of why they say what they do.

But the main part of the sermon this morning is going to focus on the Rookie Mistake of the Week. What is this mistake? Oh, you'll have to listen to the sermon to find out. But let me leave you with this. Back when e-mail was kind of a new thing, and e-mail spam was a new thing, there were a number of fake e-mails that claimed to have been written by a Nigerian Prince who was looking to park millions of dollars offshore in the bank accounts of average, everyday Americans. All you had to do was furnish his majesty with your routing number and bank account number and you would be guaranteed riches beyond your wildest dreams. Now, before you got a spam blocker for your e-mail, you probably received more than a few e-mails like this. How seriously did you take them? Probably not at all. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is, right? How seriously are you taking God's promises to you in baptism (the forgiveness of sins, the gift of the Holy Spirit, being clothed in Christ, guaranteed a resurrection like Christ, and salvation)? Do you treat them as seriously as a spam e-mail promising millions, or do you take them with the seriousness reserved for a conversation with your doctor, lawyer or significant other? Be thinking about this as we go Back to Basics this morning! God bless your time in worship!

-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 – Crown Him with Many Crowns

Introduction to Worship and Announcements

Opening Hymn: Christ the Eternal Lord

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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: Brothers and sisters in Christ, this morning we will listen to God's Word read and proclaimed. We will hear the good news of the forgiveness of sins and promise of eternal life. We will receive the body and blood of Christ. But first, let us admit that we are in need of a Savior and are unable to save ourselves. Let us confess our sins to God, trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

People: Father in heaven, I have tried to convince myself and those around me that I am a good person. But I know the reality is I have sinned against you in thought, word and deed. I have come up miserably short of the righteous life you have created me to live. And so I ask that you would have mercy on me. Forgive my sins and lead me to greater faith and obedience. I ask this through Christ my Lord. Amen.

Absolution Spoken by the Pastor

People: Amen.

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

Baptism of Emmett Christopher Chilcott

(Please be seated)

The Service of the Word

The Old Testament Reading: Joshua 3

Then Joshua rose early in the morning and they set out from Shittim. And they came to the Jordan, he and all the people of Israel, and lodged there before they passed over. At the end of three days the officers went through the camp and commanded the people, "As soon as you see the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God being carried by the Levitical priests, then you shall set out from your place and follow it. Yet there shall be a distance between you and it, about 2,000 cubits in length. Do not come near it, in order that you may know the way you shall go, for you have not passed this way before." Then Joshua said to the people, "Consecrate yourselves, for

tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you.” And Joshua said to the priests, “Take up the ark of the covenant and pass on before the people.” So they took up the ark of the covenant and went before the people.

The Lord said to Joshua, “Today I will begin to exalt you in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that, as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. And as for you, command the priests who bear the ark of the covenant, ‘When you come to the brink of the waters of the Jordan, you shall stand still in the Jordan.’” And Joshua said to the people of Israel, “Come here and listen to the words of the Lord your God.” And Joshua said, “Here is how you shall know that the living God is among you and that he will without fail drive out from before you the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Hivites, the Perizzites, the Girgashites, the Amorites, and the Jebusites. Behold, the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth is passing over before you into the Jordan. Now therefore take twelve men from the tribes of Israel, from each tribe a man. And when the soles of the feet of the priests bearing the ark of the Lord, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan shall be cut off from flowing, and the waters coming down from above shall stand in one heap.”

So when the people set out from their tents to pass over the Jordan with the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people, and as soon as those bearing the ark had come as far as the Jordan, and the feet of the priests bearing the ark were dipped in the brink of the water (now the Jordan overflows all its banks throughout the time of harvest), the waters coming down from above stood and rose up in a heap very far away, at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan, and those flowing down toward the Sea of the Arabah, the Salt Sea, were completely cut off. And the people passed over opposite Jericho. Now the priests bearing the ark of the covenant of

the Lord stood firmly on dry ground in the midst of the Jordan, and all Israel was passing over on dry ground until all the nation finished passing over the Jordan.

The New Testament Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Pastor: In honor of our Lord Jesus Christ, we rise for the reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 1st Chapter.

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

The Gospel Reading: John 1:19-34

And this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?” He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, “I am not the Christ.” And they asked him, “What then? Are you Elijah?” He said, “I am not.” “Are you the Prophet?” And he answered, “No.” So they said to him, “Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?” He said, “I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way of the Lord,’ as the prophet Isaiah said.”

(Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.) They asked him, “Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?” John answered them, “I baptize with water, but among you stands

one you do not know, even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie.” These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.” And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

Sermon Hymn: All Christians Who Have Been Baptized 596

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 – Adult Choir 10:30 am Service

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.

(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

Lord Jesus Christ, Life – Giving Bread

625

Feed Thy Children, God Most Holy

774

Amazing Grace

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Benediction

People: **Amen**

The Recessional: Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng

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Postlude – Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng

† *Service Participants* †

Pastor:	Rev. Duncan McLellan
Music Director:	Mark Killinger
The Organist:	Sandra Quinlan
The Pianist:	Shelley Killinger
The Elders:	Rob Oelschalger & John Gielarowski
The Acolyte:	Matthew Liberatore (8:00) Lara Luedeman (10:30)
The Greeters:	Joyce Wood (8:00) David & Mary Hutula (10:30)
The Ushers:	Melanie Becker, Bill Becker Shane Bryant & Michael Kozak (8:00) Michael Kroeger, Vince Kimpberland Richard Quilan & Sam Dragan (10:30)
Altar Guild:	Judy Meier, Marianne Miller Millie Thielet
Nursery 10:30 service:	Susie Bishop & Carley Rockovich

Last Week in Worship

Sunday Worship Attendance (10/4) -191


Wednesday Attendance (10/7) - 47

Sunday Offering (10/4) - \$4430.00

Online Offering (9/25- 10/2) - \$795.00

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

Week of Oct. 11th – Oct. 18th

SUNDAY 10/11	8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion 9:30 AM –Adult Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30 AM – Worship w/Communion 11:45 AM – Church Work-Day w/ Lunch & Childcare Provided FOOD BANK COLLECTION
MONDAY 10/12	
TUESDAY 10/13	7:00 PM – Adult Choir Practice
WEDNESDAY 10/14	7:00 PM – Prayer, Preaching & Romans Bible Study
THURSDAY 10/15	10:00 AM – Bible Study
FRIDAY 10/16	
SATURDAY 10/17	4:00 PM – Pig Roast 
SUNDAY 10/18	8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion 9:30 AM –Adult Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30 AM – Worship w/Communion 11:45 AM – Board of Education Meeting

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



SATURDAY OCTOBER 17TH
4:00 PM Rain or Shine

Pig Roast & the fixings
BONFIRE, SMORES, DESSERT
OUTDOOR MOVIE & POPCORN
"Little Rascals" Rated [G]
CHECKS PAYABLE TO ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

ADULTS \$14.00

KIDS (4-12) \$7.00

TICKETS AVAILABLE
DOWNSTAIRS AND
OUTSIDE THE SANCTUARY
BEFORE & AFTER 10:30
SUNDAY SERVICE



- BRING A READY TO SERVE DESSERT TO SHARE
- BRING YOUR OWN CHAIRS AND BLANKETS
- WATER AND KIDS BEVERAGES PROVIDED
- ADULTS BYOB

TOGETHER WITH YOUR GROUP, MAKE AN IMPRINT ON HISTORY

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and to make a donation

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LVS. EBENS. I. C. T. I. N.
INS. THOMAS
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- ▶ Commit to raising just \$500 over the course of the coming year
- ▶ It could be through group offerings, bake sales or a designated donation — you decide!
- ▶ Submit photos and stories to the LCMS at www.thewittenbergproject.com.



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