

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



Service of Prayer and Preaching
October 14th 2015



ANNOUNCEMENTS

GIVING TO MISSIONS! Did you know that Zion is currently supporting two missionaries? We are supporting Rev. Dr. Edward Naumann who will be starting a Lutheran Seminary serving south India and Sri Lanka. We are also supporting the ongoing work of the Lohmeyer family in the Dominican Republic, creating sustainable ministries and churches. Thanks to your generosity and the Kingdom Fund, we were able to support both of these missions in addition to meeting our ongoing financial responsibilities. Contact Pastor Duncan or the Church Office if you would like to know more about these missions.

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 IN A YEAR. We are reading the Bible in a Year for 2016! Look for a reading list, on-line resources and audio files of the Bible being read in the coming months to help you read through the Bible in a Year! If you've never done it, don't be intimidated! All it takes is 15 minutes (1% of your day) and you can read the whole Bible in one year. Join us!

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!

Welcome to worship!

Thank you for choosing to come to worship and Bible study this evening. I had a blast going around to the different small groups last week, listening in on the discussions you were having and enjoying the wisdom that you were sharing with each other as you began to encounter the book of Romans.

This week, we are going to take a look at the first half of the first chapter of Romans. Now, you might think this is where Paul begins with a number of pleasantries and introductions. And you'd be right. But he does much more than this! We will spend a good chunk of our time together this evening focusing on who Paul says he is and who the Christians in Rome are and the kind of unity this creates between the two of them. And (I hope) you will see why this matters to you as you daily fight the good fight of faith.

For those of you who will be staying for small groups, be thinking about the questions that were in your book during the sermon this evening. I hope to touch on a number of topics that Stott addresses in his study of Romans 1. Also, if you have any questions from what you are reading and learning on your own or as a result of your time in small groups, please don't hesitate to shoot me an e-mail or text.

God bless your time in worship and small groups this evening!

-Pastor Duncan McLellan

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The Service of Prayer and Preaching

Vespers

Pastor: O Lord, open my lips

People: and my mouth will declare Your praise.

Pastor: Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

People: make haste to help me O Lord.

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

Amen.

The Reading: Romans 1:1-7

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,
To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints:
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Pastor: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: Thanks be to God.

Pastor: Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth.
Unite my heart to fear Your name that I may walk in Your truth.

People: Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

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: Let my prayer rise before You as incense,
People: **and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

Pastor: O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and
 all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the
 world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your
 commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear
 of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus
 Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and
 the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty and most gracious God and Father, we implore You to
 turn the hearts of all who have forsaken the faith once
 delivered to Your Church, especially those who have wandered
 from it or are in doubt through the corruption of Your truth.
 Mercifully visit and restore them that in gladness of heart they
 may take pleasure in Your Word and be made wise to salvation
 through faith in Your will. Lord, in your mercy;

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord God Almighty, even as You bless Your servants with various and unique gifts of the Holy Spirit, continue to grant us the grace to use them always to Your honor and glory. Lord, in Your mercy;

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Gracious Lord, we give You thanks for the day, especially for the good we were permitted to give and to receive. The day is now past, and we commit it to You. We entrust to You the night and rest in Your peace, for You are our help, and You neither slumber nor sleep. 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.