

# *Zion Lutheran Church*

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-1 John 1:8-9

*21<sup>st</sup> Sunday After Pentecost*  
*October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by Brad & Jessica Boyle in Memory of Brads Father, Jerome Boyle.

**ETERNAL LIGHT** is given by Megan Richards in Memory of her parents, Frank & Luella Rilius.

**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:** Thank you to all those that stayed after church last week to help with the Fall clean-up day. The trustees appreciate all of your hard work. The day was a great success!

**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 16<sup>th</sup> century. We will also be learning more about how Zion members can help commemorate the 500<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup>** – Teaching about Luther and the Reformation for students in grades Preschool through high school.

**October 18<sup>th</sup>** – “Meet Martin Luther” a live presentation for kids of all ages.

**October 25<sup>th</sup>** – Reformation-inspired art project for kids in Preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> 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!

**VOTERS MEETING** will be held on Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>. Please plan on attending this meeting.

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

# Welcome to worship!

This morning, our Back to Basics focus shifts from Baptism to Confession and Absolution. We're spending two weeks on Confession and Absolution. After that, we'll spend a week taking a look at the Pastoral Office (what a Pastor does) and then move on to our unit on the Lord's Supper. Following that, we will take a look at the practical application of all that we have learned over the course of the year: the Christian's life as Sinner-Saint and the life of the Christian in the family, in the church and in the world.

This morning, our focus is on the practice of Confession and Absolution. I have often heard it said that a Christian does not need to confess his or her sins to anyone; that they can go directly to God. And yet, here we are, every week confessing our sins in front of each other and listening to the words of the Pastor pronouncing forgiveness. Why? Why do we do this when so many of us believe we don't need to?

We'll be taking a look at several passages of Scripture as we come to an understanding of Confession and Absolution. Chief among them is 1 John 1:8-9, where the Apostle simply says that if we confess our sins God is faithful and just to forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. We have the privilege, as baptized children of God, to confess our sins to our heavenly Father, trusting in his mercy for the sake of Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. I hope you will see through our time together this morning that Confession and Absolution is one of the greatest privileges we have been given, and is something we should look forward to and even enjoy.

God bless your time in worship this morning!

-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!)

## *Prelude*

## *Introduction to Worship and Announcements*

*Opening Hymn: Come unto Me, Ye Weary*

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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: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**People: But if we confess our sins God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**People: Most merciful God, we confess to you 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 temporal and eternal punishment. For the sake of 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.**

## ***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)

## ***Welcoming of new member, Doug Krantz***

## **The Service of the Word**

### **The Old Testament Reading: Psalm 32**

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,  
whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. *Selah*

I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. *Selah*

Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.

You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance. *Selah*

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you. Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding, which must be curbed with bit and bridle, or it will not stay near you. Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the Lord. Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

### **The New Testament Reading: 1 John 1**

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and in deed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all

unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

**Pastor:** In honor of our Lord Jesus Christ, we rise for the reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 17<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

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

### **The Gospel Reading: Luke 17: 1-10**

And he said to his disciples, "Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin. Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, 'I repent,' you must forgive him."

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" And the Lord said, "If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

"Will any one of you who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, 'Come at once and recline at table'? Will he not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterward you will eat and drink'? Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.'"

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

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

(Please be seated)

***Sermon Hymn: I Lay My Sins on Jesus***

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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***

### ***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***

Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior	619
Come , My Soul, with Every Care	779
Have No Fear, Little Flock	735

### ***Benediction***

**People:            Amen**

***The Recessional: Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*** 821

### ***Postlude***

## † *Service Participants* †

Pastor:	Rev. Duncan McLellan
Music Director:	Mark Killinger
The Organist:	Sandra Quinlan
The Pianist:	Lindsey Faini
The Elders:	Rob Oelschalger & John Gielarowski
The Acolyte:	Josiah Ackerman (8:00) Carley Rockovich (10:30)
The Greeters:	Sarah Ali (8:00) Michael & Linda Kroeger (10:30)
The Ushers:	Melanie Becker, Bill Becker Shane Bryant & Michael Kozak (8:00) Michael Kroeger, Vince Kimberland Richard Quilan & Sam Dragan (10:30)
Altar Guild:	Judy Meier, Marianne Miller Millie Thielet
Nursery 10:30 service:	Carrie Lemonovich & Stephanie & Jenna Eckels

### **Last Week in Worship**

Sunday Worship Attendance (10/11) -213

Wednesday Attendance (10/14) - 53

Sunday Offering (10/11) - \$5773.00

Online Offering (10/5- 10/9) - \$1025.00

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

# *Week of Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> – Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>*

<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>10/18</b>	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
<b>MONDAY</b> <b>10/19</b>	
<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>10/20</b>	9:00 AM – Mom’s in Prayer 7:00 PM – Adult Choir Practice
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>10/21</b>	7:00 PM – Prayer, Preaching & Romans Bible Study 7:00 PM – Young Life Clubble @ Zion
<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>10/22</b>	10:00 AM – Bible Study
<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>10/23</b>	
<b>SATURDAY</b> <b>10/24</b>	
<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>10/25</b>	8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion 9:30 AM –Adult Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30 AM – Worship w/Communion & Children’s Church



**Voters Meeting to approve these candidates is  
Sunday Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> 2015**

## **List of Candidates**

Chairman	Jay Anderson
Financial Secretary	Nancy Klemash
Recording Secretary	Brittany Dill
Elders	John Gielarowski Michael Kroeger David Miller James Neill Bob Schmidt Shane Bryant
Trustees	Linda Kroeger John Lemonovich Wayne Oechslein
Board of Education	Kim Anderson
Event Committee	Tracey Harris



# Young Life Event!

When: Oct 21 @ 7:00pm

Where: Here at Zion

What: Young Life is hosting "Clubble" (Young Life All Area Club, in a Bubble)

Who: Anyone in High School

Around 100 students from USC, Mt. Lebo, Canon Mac, and South Fayette will be there!

