

# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY  
JANUARY 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2016

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by Timothy & Carrie Albert in Memory of Richard Brestensky (brother) & John Albert (father) and Carl Ann & Joe Pracel to the Glory of God in loving memory of Sandy Pracel.

**ETERNAL LIGHT** is given Wayne & Barb Oechslein in Memory of Loved Ones.

**BIBLE IN A YEAR** readings are available here in your bulletin, on our church's website and in your monthly Zion Newsletter. Join us as we read the Bible in a Year in 2016!

**OPERATION STARS & STRIPES** collections have begun. Please donate items for this great mission. Donations will be taken until the end of January. We currently have Raman Noodles -30, Granola Bars - 36, Packs of Gum - 9, Drink mix singles - 109 and Slim Jim's - 75

**YOUTH GROUP** will be having their next event on Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> from 5-7:00pm. Be ready for a Blow Dart Battle!

**SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY.** Wednesday's we will continue our study of Romans. Come and join us as we study the book of Romans together. The fun starts at 7:00pm.

**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.)

**ADD ME TO THE LIST!** If you are not currently on our email prayer chain and would like to be added to the prayer chain please contact the church secretaries by phone or email (secretary@zxcb.org)!!

**CHILDRENS CHOIR** is every Tuesday from 6:00 - 6:45 PM, Kids ages 7-12 are welcome!!

**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!

**ADULT CHOIR** rehearsals are 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!

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

# Welcome to worship!

This morning, our readings for the service again come from your Bible in a Year readings. For today, that means Psalm 10 and Mark 10. (We won't read all of Mark 10, as it is 52 verses long; we will only read Mark 10:1-31, roughly half of the chapter, you're on your own for the final 21 verses.) Our focus for the morning will be the opening passage of Mark 10; Jesus' teaching on divorce and remarriage. We spent a week on our Back to Basics Series on the 6th Commandment, the prohibition against adultery, and we spent about a month studying the "Lutheran Theology of Marriage" in Adult Bible Class on Sunday morning, but this will be the first time we've taken a look at divorce and remarriage in particular during the worship service.

We will take a look at what two groups say Jesus' teaching about divorce is and then compare it to what he actually says in this text. Not that this will come as much of a surprise to many of you, but the contemporary understandings of Jesus' teaching on divorce and remarriage is painfully off the mark. But where today's Christian teaching on divorce and remarriage goes astray may just surprise you.

It is no accident that, after giving a very difficult teaching on divorce and remarriage, Jesus calls children to him and teaches the disciples that the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Jesus' teaching on divorce and remarriage is important and would save people a lot of difficulty and heartache if it was carefully followed, what is more important than his teaching on this one area of life is what he did for people who were too weak and sinful to obey it: sacrificing himself on the cross for the sins of the world, acting like a faithful husband in service to his bride, the church. 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, located at either end of the pew. If you are visiting us this morning and would like to be contacted by the church, 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: The Star Proclaims the King is Here* 399

## *The Invocation*

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

**People: Amen.**

## *Confession of Sins*

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ, it is good that you are here. Together, we will hear the word of God read and proclaimed, and share in the body and blood of Christ in the supper that bears his name. But first, let us also together confess our sins, admitting to one another that none of us is righteous on our own, and that we all together stand in need of God's forgiveness in Christ.

**People: Lord Jesus Christ, I confess to you, and to my church family that I have sinned. You have clearly revealed in your word how I am to live. I have intentionally ignored your word and have tried to do things my way. And, when I have tried to do things your way, the weakness of my flesh has made true obedience impossible. Forgive me. Strengthen my faith in you and my commitment to walk in your ways all the days of my life, to bring glory to your 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)

## **The Service of the Word**

### **The Old Testament Reading: Psalm 10**

Why, O Lord, do you stand far away?

Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble?

In arrogance the wicked hotly pursue the poor;

let them be caught in the schemes that they have devised.

For the wicked boasts of the desires of his soul,

and the one greedy for gain curses and renounces the Lord.

In the pride of his face the wicked does not seek him;

all his thoughts are, "There is no God."

His ways prosper at all times;

your judgments are on high, out of his sight;

as for all his foes, he puffs at them.

He says in his heart, "I shall not be moved;  
throughout all generations I shall not meet adversity."  
His mouth is filled with cursing and deceit and oppression;  
under his tongue are mischief and iniquity.  
He sits in ambush in the villages;  
in hiding places he murders the innocent.  
His eyes stealthily watch for the helpless;  
he lurks in ambush like a lion in his thicket;  
he lurks that he may seize the poor;  
he seizes the poor when he draws him into his net.  
The helpless are crushed, sink down,  
and fall by his might.  
He says in his heart, "God has forgotten,  
he has hidden his face, he will never see it."  
Arise, O Lord; O God, lift up your hand;  
forget not the afflicted.  
Why does the wicked renounce God  
and say in his heart, "You will not call to account"?  
But you do see, for you note mischief and vexation,  
that you may take it into your hands;  
to you the helpless commits himself;  
you have been the helper of the fatherless.  
Break the arm of the wicked and evildoer;  
call his wickedness to account till you find none.  
The Lord is king forever and ever;  
the nations perish from his land.  
O Lord, you hear the desire of the afflicted;  
you will strengthen their heart; you will incline your ear

to do justice to the fatherless and the oppressed,  
so that man who is of the earth may strike terror no more.

**Pastor:** In honor of our Lord Jesus Christ, we rise for the reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 10<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

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

### **The Gospel Reading: Mark 10:1-31**

And he left there and went to the region of Judea and beyond the Jordan, and crowds gathered to him again. And again, as was his custom, he taught them.

And Pharisees came up and in order to test him asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce and to send her away." And Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate."

And in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. And he said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her, and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

And as he was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. You know the commandments: ‘Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.’” And he said to him, “Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth.” And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, “You lack one thing; go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

And Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.” And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God.” Peter began to say to him, “See, we have left everything and followed you.” Jesus said, “Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last first.”

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

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

(Please be seated)

***Sermon Hymn: How Great Thou Art***

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## ***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 was 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.

(Please be seated)

### ***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:** As we prepare to receive the body and blood of Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us all together pray the prayer our Lord has given 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 and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

### ***The Words of Institution***

**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***

Spread the Reign of God the Lord

830

What is This Bread

629

The Will of God I Always Best

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### ***Benediction***

People:           Amen

### ***The Recessional: Hail to the Lord's Anointed***

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### ***Postlude***

## † *Service Participants* †

Pastor:	Rev. Duncan McLellan
Music Director:	Mark Killinger
The Organist:	Sandra Quinlan
The Soloist:	Neil Ackerman
The Elders:	Mike Sterba & John Gielarowski
The Acolyte:	Matt Liberatore (8:00) Lara Luedeman (10:30)
The Greeters:	George, Jane & Michael Kozak (8:00) Jay & Kim Anderson(10:30)
The Ushers:	Kathleen Conn, Bill Schrag (8:00) Janet & Larry Zreliak Sam Dragan, Steve Gauger (10:30) Kari & John Gresh
Altar Guild:	Mary Hutula & Elsie DallaPiazza
Nursery:	Megan Pasquini & Marian Oelschlager

### **Last Week in Worship**

Sunday Worship Attendance (1/3) - 241

Wednesday Attendance (1/6) - 34

Sunday Offering (1/3) - \$6,491.00

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

# *Week of Jan.10<sup>th</sup> – Jan.17<sup>th</sup>*

<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>1/10</b>	8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion 9:30 AM – Sunday School & Adult Bible Study (Mark) 10:30 AM – Worship w/Communion & Children’s Church FOOD BANK COLLECTION
<b>MONDAY</b> <b>1/11</b>	7:00 PM – Trustees Meeting
<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>1/12</b>	6:00 PM – Children’s Choir 7:00 PM – Adult Choir
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>1/13</b>	7:00 PM – Service of Prayer and Preaching & Romans Bible Study
<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>1/14</b>	10:00 AM – Bible Study 7:30 PM – Church Council
<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>1/15</b>	
<b>SATURDAY</b> <b>1/16</b>	7:00PM – Zion Art Show
<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>1/17</b>	8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion 9:30 AM – Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM – Worship w/Communion 12:00PM – Stephen Ministry Continuing Education