

Zion Lutheran Church



Easter Sunday
March 27th 2016

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by Paul & Terry Hayes – “He is Risen” and John Gielarowski in Honor of Our Risen Savior and his wife’s birthday.
- **ETERNAL LIGHT** is given by The Lemonovich Family in Honor of our Risen Lord & Savior, Jesus Christ.
- **WELCOME TO ZION!** A special welcome to our guests and visitors who are worshiping with us this morning. We are glad you chose to worship with us and pray that your time here is a blessing. If you would like to know more about our congregation, check out our website (zxcb.org) or contact the church office (secretary@zxcb.org) or our Pastor (pastor@zxcb.org)
- **MARK JASA** is coming! Mark is a Pastor and Evangelist from sunny southern California who is coming to Zion on April 30th to teach us (and to show us) how to reach out to our friends and even total strangers with the good news of Jesus. Mark (get it?) your calendar for April 30th, 10am-3pm for a day with Pastor and Evangelist Mark Jasa!
- **BIBLE IN A YEAR** readings are available on our church’s website and in your monthly Zion Newsletter. Join us as we read the Bible in a Year in 2016!
- **BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN** for the Pregnancy Resource Center of South Hills - This annual fundraiser supports the life-saving ministry of the Pregnancy Resource Center of the South Hills. Baby bottles are still available at the display in the church narthex. Fill your bottle with change or bills, and return it to the narthex display **BY SUNDAY, APRIL 3rd.**
- **TRUSTEE CLEAN-UP DAY.** Following Church on Sunday April, 3rd there will be a church clean-up day. Lunch and drinks will be provided. We will be moving mulch and doing general clean-up.
- **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.)
- **CHILDRENS CHOIR** is every Tuesday from 6:00 – 6:45 PM, Kids ages 7-12 are welcome!!
- **ADULT CHOIR** rehearsals are Tuesdays from 6:45-7:45PM. 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!
- **MEN’S BIBLE BREAKFAST** is back on at 8:00am down in the Fellowship Hall. Hope to see you there! You don’t need to be a Bible Scholar; but being hungry helps.
- **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

Welcome to worship!

Christ is risen!

This morning we come together to celebrate the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. We share the same faith and the same hope that the resurrection of Christ not only happened as a historical event, but that it guarantees for us victory over sin and death. But we come to this day from any number of different paths. Some of us come to praise God as a family, happily together for the most sacred Christian holiday. Some of us come to church for the first time in a long time, wondering if we will feel out of place under the banner of the cross. Some of us come at the invitation and prayers of someone we love; we are doing them a favor and have no expectation other than the passing of time. And some of us are celebrating the resurrection of Christ through the fresh tears of sadness and loss, clinging to the hope that all will be made right again. But we are one Christian church. And together we celebrate the most significant event in human history: the defeat of sin and death through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Christ is risen.

But what is this to you? We sing His praise for our time in worship, but does the resurrection of Christ change your life outside of the sanctuary of the Sunday morning church service? I believe that it does, and during our time together this morning, I hope to convince you that it does too.

Christ is risen!

I'd like to extend a special welcome to our guest and visitors this morning. You honor us with your presence and I hope that your time here will be a blessing for you and your family as you grow in your Christ-centered faith. God bless your time in worship this morning!

--Pastor Duncan

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ZION EQUIPS, EDUCATES, AND ENCOURAGES BELIEVERS IN CHRIST, SENDING THEM INTO THE WORLD TO SHARE THE GOSPEL.

Zion Lutheran Church 3197 Washington Pike Bridgeville, PA 15017

The Divine Service

(Please take a moment to fill out the Attendance books. 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!)

Introduction to Worship and Announcements

Prelude: Halleluiah (Adult Choir)

Processional Hymn: Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds 465

The Invocation

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

People: Amen.

(Matthew 28:18-20)

Confession of Sins

Pastor: This morning, we celebrate the most important event in human history: the resurrection of the Son of God. Death has been defeated and the resurrection of the dead has begun by and with Jesus. Therefore, as we confess our sins, we do so in the confidence that they are forgiven and no longer accuse us.

People: **Most Merciful God, who raised your only Son, my Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, I confess to you that I am a poor, miserable sinner. Without your grace and mercy, I have no hope for eternal life. Without Christ, my life is a mist that will soon disappear. Forgive me of all my sins and give me a share of that eternal life that is in my Lord Jesus Christ. I ask this in his name, the name of the one who has conquered death, Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.**

Absolution Spoken by the Pastor

People: Amen.

The Prayer of the Church

Pastor: ... Lord, in your mercy.

People: **Hear our prayer.**

(Please be seated)

The Service of the Word

The Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 25:1-9

○ Lord, you are my God;

I will exalt you; I will praise your name,
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

For you have made the city a heap,
the fortified city a ruin;
the foreigners' palace is a city no more;
it will never be rebuilt.

Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

For you have been a stronghold to the poor,
a stronghold to the needy in his distress,
a shelter from the storm and a shade from the heat;
for the breath of the ruthless is like a storm against a wall,
like heat in a dry place.

You subdue the noise of the foreigners;
as heat by the shade of a cloud,
so the song of the ruthless is put down.

○ On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

And he will swallow up on this mountain
the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.
He will swallow up death forever;
and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces,
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day,
“Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.
This is the Lord; we have waited for him;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

The New Testament Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-28

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, then

our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. For "God has put all things in subjection under his feet." But when it says, "all things are put in subjection," it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

(Please stand)

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

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

The Gospel Reading: Matthew 27:62-28:15

The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said, "Sir, we remember how that impostor said, while he was still alive, 'After three days I will rise.' Therefore order the tomb to be made secure until the third day, lest his disciples go and steal him away and tell the

people, 'He has risen from the dead,' and the last fraud will be worse than the first." Pilate said to them, "You have a guard of soldiers. Go, make it as secure as you can." So they went and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone and setting a guard.

Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you." So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

While they were going, behold, some of the guard went into the city and told the chief priests all that had taken place. And when they had assembled with the elders and taken counsel, they gave a sufficient sum of money to the soldiers and said, "Tell people, 'His disciples came by night and stole him away while we were asleep.' And if this comes to the governor's ears, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble." So they took the money and did as they were directed. And this story has been spread among the Jews to this day.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

Sermon Hymn: I Know That My Redeemer Lives

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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)

The Collection of the Offering

Choir Offertory – Majesty (Adult Choir)

(Please stand)

The Service of the Sacrament

Pastor: As we prepare to receive the body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of sins, to strengthen our faith, and to proclaim his death until he comes, the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us 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, 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

<i>Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen</i>	474
<i>Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing</i>	528
<i>Make Songs of Joy</i>	484
<i>Christ the Lord Is Risen Today</i>	469

(Please stand)

Benediction

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

People: **Amen**

The Recessional: Jesus Christ Is Risen Today 457

† *Service Participants* †

Pastor:	The Rev. Duncan McLellan
The Organist:	Sandra Quinlan
The Elders:	Bill Bishop & Peter Fisher
The Acolyte:	Matt Liberatore & Joey Ackerman (8:00) Augie Bishop & Carley Rockovich (10:30)
Crucifer:	Chris Yellig (8:00) Bill Bishop (10:30)
The Greeters:	Bernice DeBoe (8:00) Norm & Brittany Dill & family (10:30)
The Ushers:	Carl Bauer, Gene Koop Brian Pasquini, Dale Miler, (8:00) Barbara & Wayne Oechslein Ross Chilcott, Sam Dragan (10:30) Dan Harris, Chuck LaJeunesse
Altar Guild:	Janet & Marian Oelschlager
Bulletin Cover:	Kitt Kroeger

Week of March 20th – March 27th

<p>SUNDAY 3/27</p> 	<p>8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion 9:15 AM – Easter Breakfast (Fellowship Hall) 10:30 AM – Worship w/Communion & Children’s Church</p>
<p>MONDAY 3/28</p>	
<p>TUESDAY 3/29</p>	<p>6:45 PM – Adult Choir 7:30 PM – Women’s Bible Study</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY 3/30</p>	<p>7:00 PM – Midweek Service</p>
<p>THURSDAY 3/31</p>	<p>10:00 AM – Bible Study (Conference Room)</p>
<p>FRIDAY 4/1</p>	
<p>SATURDAY 4/2</p>	<p>8:00 AM – Men’s Bible Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)</p>
<p>SUNDAY 4/3</p>	<p>8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion 9:15 AM – Adult Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30 AM – Worship w/Communion 11:45 AM – Trustee Clean- Up Day 11:45 AM – Board of Education Meeting 11:45 AM – Stephen Ministry 5:00 PM – Youth Group – Glow in the Dark Dodgeball</p>

GLOW ^{IN THE} DARK DODGEBALL



Where? Zion Lutheran Church

When? ~~Sunday, April 3rd, 5-7pm~~

Who? Anyone in Middle or High School

Contact Joe Faini for more info:

youth@zlcg.org

SUNDAY, APRIL 3rd!

5-7:00pm



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR...
UPCOMING YOUTH EVENT!!**



***Faini Family
Dinner Night!***

When? April 17, 5-7:00pm
Who? Middle or High School
Where? **Faini House**
650 Patterson Ave,
Bridgeville

Contact Joe Faini for More Info: youth@zicb.org



ZION MUSIC NOTES

The music ministry at Zion Lutheran Church has big plans for 2016! We hope that you enjoy listening to the Adult Choir, Children's Choir, Reverence (a.k.a M@ZE), and the various solo/duet performances by many of our talented church members. The goal for this year is to create another performing group that is accessible for just about anyone....Bell Choir! Musical talent/experience is not required to participate in this group. However, we need to purchase the bells before we start recruiting "ringers". The approximate cost for a standard 3 octave set of bells is \$12,000 which includes not only the bells themselves, but protective cases, performance tables, foam mats, music stands, gloves, polishing materials, and music. Whew!

Last October church council established a bell choir account for anyone that would like to contribute to this area of the music ministry. If you would like to give to this ministry, please make a note on your check or offering envelope that you wish to give to the bell choir account. We are also providing an opportunity for members to "buy a bell" in honor or memory of loved ones or your family. The price for the "buy a bell program" is \$325 per bell. If you would like to participate in this program, please include the form below with your contribution.

Thank you again for all of your support of the music ministry here at Zion Lutheran Church!

Mark Killinger

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.....Buy a Bell Program

Person making the contribution: _____

Person(s) or family for whom the bell is in honor/memory: _____

*Please make check payable to Zion Lutheran Church and make a note that the gift is for the bell choir account.