

Zion Lutheran Church

THE LORD YOUR GOD WILL RAISE UP
FOR YOU A PROPHET LIKE [MOSES]
FROM AMONG YOUR OWN BROTHERS.
YOU MUST LISTEN TO HIM.

- DEUTERONOMY 18:15

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Fifth Sunday In Lent
March 13th, 2016

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by Rochelle Thompson in Honor of Mason & Caitlyn's Birthdays and Carol Ann & Joe Pracel to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of William R. Armstrong.
- **ETERNAL LIGHT** is given by Elsie DallaPiazza in Memory of Richard O'Donnel.
- **WHY DO WE DO THIS?** New to the bulletin is a "Why do we do this?" explanation for one of the elements of the Service. Have you ever wondered why we have "The Invocation" or speak the words of the Creed? Each week, one of the elements of the Service will be explained so you can know why we do what we do in worship.
- **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 BOTTLES.** Zion is once again supporting the Pregnancy Resource Center of the South Hills through the Baby Bottle Campaign. You can help this pro-life ministry by taking a baby bottle from the table in the church narthex and filling it with your loose change or bills. Please return your filled bottle no later than 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.
- **LENT MIDWEEK WORSHIP.** The theme for our Wednesday services (7:00pm) in Lent will be the Last Week of Jesus' Life from the Gospel of Matthew. Come and worship with us!
- **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!!
- **BELL CHOIR.** We are looking to expand our music ministry and need your help! We are in the process of establishing a hand bell choir here at Zion! **THE FIRST THING WE NEED TO DO IS BUY HANDBELLS. WHICH, AS YOU MIGHT IMAGINE, ARE NOT CHEAP.** If you would like to give to this ministry, please note on the MEMO LINE OF YOUR CHECK (OR, IF YOU ARE GIVING CASH, ON THE OFFERING ENVELOPE) that you would like to give to the hand bell choir. Thank for you for support of the music ministry here at Zion! **AND STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OUR HANDBELL CHOIR!**
- **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!
- **ANYONE UNDER 35** is being asked to take a survey for the Eastern District. Go to <http://survey.constantcontact.com/survey/a07ecbyma7r1l84mlqx/start>
- **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.
- **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** continues this Tuesday at 7:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Talk to Alissa McLellan if you have any questions!
- **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!

Moses had been the leader of the Israelites for forty years. He had performed signs and wonders in front of Pharaoh. He had told the Israelites how to prepare for the Angel of Death and the Passover. He had led them through the waters of the Red Sea and was allowed to enter God's presence on Mt. Sinai. God gave him the Law. He established the priesthood, gave orders for the building of the tabernacle, and was responsible for regulating the religious life of God's people. He settled disputes between the people and led his people to victory in battle. He spoke to God as a man talks with his friends.

And so it is worth noticing that Moses says to the people, in his farewell address, that God is going to raise up for them a man—a prophet—like him from among the people; one to whom they are to listen. But as the years passed by, no one like Moses was to be found. Elijah might have come close, but he hardly had the kind of familial relationship Moses did with God. David was a man after God's own heart, but he was not allowed to build a house for God. Who is the one who is like Moses that God is going to raise up?

Is it really a surprise that Jesus is the one "like Moses" whom God is going to raise up? It shouldn't be. The Father speaks to the disciples on top of the Mount of Transfiguration: "listen to him!" And they see no one but Jesus only. This morning, we are going to take a look at what it means that Jesus is "like Moses." I think you'll be happily surprised at what you find!

-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, 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: Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

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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 and Absolution of Sins

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

People: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

Pastor: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

People: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Why do we do this? The Bible tells us that we should confess our sins to one another (James 5:16) and that if we confess our sins God forgives us and purifies us (1 John 1:8-9). The Apostle Paul also says that before a person receives the Lord's Supper, they should examine themselves (1 Corinthians 11:28). And so, trusting in the mercy and promises of God, we set aside time in the service to confess our sins and receive the words of absolution—that is, forgiveness, spoken by the Pastor on behalf of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Prayer of the Church

(Please be seated)

The Service of the Word

Old Testament Reading:

Deuteronomy 18:15-22

“The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen—just as you desired of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the Lord my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’ And the Lord said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.’ And if you say in your heart, ‘How may we know the word that the Lord has not spoken?’—when a prophet speaks in the name of the Lord, if the word does not come to pass or come true, that is a word that the Lord has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it presumptuously. You need not be afraid of him.”

Psalm of the Day:

Psalm 73

A Psalm of Asaph.

Truly God is good to Israel, to those who are pure in heart.

But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled, my steps had nearly slipped.

For I was envious of the arrogant when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

For they have no pangs until death; their bodies are fat and sleek.

They are not in trouble as others are;

they are not stricken like the rest of mankind.

Therefore pride is their necklace; violence covers them as a garment.

Their eyes swell out through fatness; their hearts overflow with follies.

They scoff and speak with malice; loftily they threaten oppression.

They set their mouths against the heavens,

and their tongue struts through the earth.

Therefore his people turn back to them, and find no fault in them.

And they say, "How can God know? Is there knowledge in the Most High?"

Behold, these are the wicked; always at ease, they increase in riches.

All in vain have I kept my heart clean and washed my hands in innocence.

For all the day long I have been stricken and rebuked every morning.

If I had said, "I will speak thus,"

I would have betrayed the generation of your children.

But when I thought how to understand this, it seemed to me a wearisome task,

until I went into the sanctuary of God; then I discerned their end.

Truly you set them in slippery places; you make them fall to ruin.

How they are destroyed in a moment, swept away utterly by terrors!

Like a dream when one awakes.

O Lord, when you rouse yourself, you despise them as phantoms.

When my soul was embittered, when I was pricked in heart,

I was brutish and ignorant; I was like a beast toward you.

Nevertheless, I am continually with you; you hold my right hand.
You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will receive me to glory.
Whom have I in heaven but you?

And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you.
My flesh and my heart may fail,
but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.
For behold, those who are far from you shall perish;
you put an end to everyone who is unfaithful to you.
But for me it is good to be near God; I have made the Lord God my refuge,
that I may tell of all your works.

Pastor: In honor of our Lord Jesus Christ, we rise for the reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 9th Chapter.

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

Gospel Reading: Luke 9:28-36

Now about eight days after these sayings he took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, but when they became fully awake they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. And as the men were parting from him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!" And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

(Please be seated)

Sermon Hymn: Glory Be to 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 - Children's Choir - Children of the Heavenly Father

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

<i>I Love Your Kingdom Lord</i>	651
<i>Your Table I Approach</i>	628
<i>Thine Forever, God of Love</i>	687

Benediction

People: Amen

<i>The Recessional: Beautiful Savior</i>	537
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Postlude – Fairest Lord Jesus

† *Service Participants* †

Pastor:	Rev. Duncan McLellan
Music Director:	Mark Killinger
The Organist:	Sandra Quinlan
The Pianist:	Lindsey Faini
The Elders:	Bill Bishop & Peter Fisher
The Acolyte:	Joey Ackerman (8:00) Carley Rockovich (10:30)
The Greeters:	Gene & Sharon Koop (8:00) Michael & Linda Kroeger(10:30)
The Ushers:	Brian Pasquini, Dale Miller (8:00) Wayne & Barb Oechslein Ross Chilcott, Vince Kimberland (10:30) Dan Harris & Chuck LaJeunesse
Altar Guild:	Janet & Marian Oelschlager
Nursery:	Kristen Neill & Lara Luedeman

Last Week in Worship

Sunday Worship Attendance (3/6) – 232

Wednesday Attendance (3/9) – 50

Sunday Offering (3/6) - \$7,353.00

Online Offering (2/29-3/4) - \$1,000.00

Lenten Offering (3/2) - \$244.00

Bell Choir Donations (3/6) - \$310.00

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

Week of March 13th – March 20th

<p>SUNDAY 3/13</p>	<p>8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion 9:15 AM – Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM – Worship w/Communion & Children’s Church 11:45 AM – Board of Education Meeting 12:00 PM – Stephen Ministry Meeting</p>
<p>MONDAY 3/14</p>	
<p>TUESDAY 3/15</p>	<p>6:00 PM- Children’s Choir 6:45 PM – Adult Choir 7:30 PM – Women’s Bible Study</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY 3/16</p>	<p>7:00 PM – Lent Service</p>
<p>THURSDAY 3/17</p>	<p>10:00 AM – Bible Study</p>
<p>FRIDAY 3/18</p>	
<p>SATURDAY 3/19</p>	<p>8:00 AM – Men’s Bible Breakfast</p>
<p>SUNDAY 3/20 Palm Sunday</p>	<p>8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion 9:15 AM – Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 10:30 AM – Worship w/Communion 5:00 PM – Youth Event – Glow in the Dark Dodge Ball</p>

Special VOTERS' MEETING

At the Special Voters meeting on March 6, 2016 the congregation approved the revised Constitution and By-Laws with three additions. The additional changes shown below in bold were added to the appropriate sections:

1. Under Church Council in Article VII, Council's spending authorization is 5% of the annual budget "***per project***".
2. Under Board of Elders in Article VII, "***Supervise the Pastor.***" was added as a duty of the Board of Elders.
3. Under Order of Business in Article III, point 1f was modified to read "Reports of all Boards, Called Staff and ***Staff Members***".

Please let Bob or me know if you have any questions.

Christ's Blessings,
Jay Anderson

GLOW IN THE DARK DODGEBALL



Where? Zion Lutheran Church
When? Sun, March 20 5-7:00pm
Who? Anyone in Middle or High School

Contact Joe Faini for more info:
youth@zlcb.org





The sign up envelopes are located in the back of the Sanctuary. Contact Carrie Lemonovich if you have any questions.

The Following Dates are Still Available for Altar Flowers

- July 3rd
- July 31st
- September 25th
- November 13th
- November 23rd (Thanksgiving Eve)
- December 31st (New Year's Eve)



The Following Dates are Still Available for Eternal Light

- April 17th
- May 15th
- June 12th
- August 28th
- September 4th
- September 11th
- November 20th
- December 18th