

Zion Lutheran Church



Third Sunday of Easter
April 10th 2016

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by Klemash Family in Honor of Rachel's Birthday and Chuck & Debbie LaJeunesse in Honor of their Anniversary.
- **ETERNAL LIGHT** is given by the Pasquini Family in Memory of Loved Ones.
- **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.
- **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** will begin a new study, "Fight Back with Joy" starting Tuesday April 19th from 7:30pm-8:45pm. Sign up is in the narthex of the church. Contact Alissa McLellan or Linda Kroeger with any questions.
- **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!
- **YOUTH GROUP** will be having Family Dinner at the Faini's House on Sunday April 17th from 5:00pm-7:00pm! Come hungry and bring friends!
- **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!
- **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.)
VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED. Sign-up sheet is in the narthex.
- **CHILDRENS CHOIR** is moving to Sunday's after late service. We will begin practices on Sunday April 10th!, 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.zlcb.org/sermons

Welcome to worship!

Welcome to Worship!

Do you remember when the news was more than a daily update about the antics of people who are running for President? And can you remember when the last time was when there were no political advertisements on TV, radio, and on the side of the road? Even banner ads on the internet are not immune from involuntarily engaging us in the political process. Almost all of us have opinions about Donald Trump, Hillary Clinton, Ted Cruz, Bernie Sanders, John Kasich and the Democrat and Republican parties. We have our political opinions and can mostly place ourselves somewhere on the political spectrum. My goal is not to beat the drum or carry the water of a particular political party or candidate.

What I want to do this morning is take a look at one of our Bible in a Year Readings from last week and take a look at what it says about what the role of the government should be. We'll also take a look at one of (if not the) best known Bible passage about the government: "render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's," and what it means in its original context.

I hope that what we talk about this morning will help inform your political opinions and how you view the state, what you owe to it and what you should expect from it. I know I learned a lot when I studied these two passages and am looking forward to sharing some of what I learned with you 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.

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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 – Alleluia, Sing to Jesus

Introduction to Worship and Announcements

Opening Hymn: Alleluia, Sing to Jesus

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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.

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

Psalm of the Day:

Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

Serve the Lord with gladness!

Come into his presence with singing!

Know that the Lord, he is God!

It is he who made us, and we are his;

we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,

and his courts with praise!

Give thanks to him; bless his name!

For the Lord is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

New Testament Reading:

Romans 13:1-7

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

Pastor: In honor of our Lord Jesus Christ, we rise for the reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 22nd Chapter.

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

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 22:15-22

Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle him in his words. And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin for the tax." And they brought him a denarius.

And Jesus said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" They said, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

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

Why do we do this? This could take a while. From God's Word, the sermon gives the Law (which tells us what God expects of us, shows us that we are sinners and how we are to live in Christ) and the Gospel (which tells us what God has done for us in Christ: forgiven us all of our sins, reconciled us with God, and promised us a resurrection like that of Jesus). It is the proclamation of the best news you will ever hear!

(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 - Reverence

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: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we may give heed to the testament of Your Son in true faith and, above all, firmly take to heart the words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness. By Your grace, lead us to remember and give thanks for the boundless love which He manifested to us when, by pouring out His precious blood, He saves us from Your righteous wrath and from sin, death, and hell. Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

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 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

Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

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Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

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Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

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Benediction

People: Amen

The Recessional: All People That on Earth Do Dwell

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Postlude – Fetal Chorus from Judas Maccabeus

† Service Participants †

Pastor:	Rev. Duncan McLellan
Music Director:	Mark Killinger
The Organist:	Sandra Quinlan
The Elders:	Michael Sterba & Robert Schmidt
The Acolyte:	Joey Ackerman (8:00) Anna Gresh (10:30)
The Greeters:	Bob & Diana Schmidt (8:00) Kristen Neill(10:30)
The Ushers:	Carl Bauer, Gene Koop (8:00) Ron Meier, Jack Oelschlager Loren Luedeman, Vince Kimberland (10:30) Kari & John Gresh
Altar Guild:	Debra LaJeunesse, Carrie Lemonovich & Carolyn Wible
Nursery:	Megan Pasquini & Marian Oelschlager

Last Week in Worship

Sunday Worship Attendance (4/3) – 180

Wednesday Attendance (4/6) – 25

Easter Sunday Offering (3/27) - \$7,779.00

Sunday Offering (4/3) - \$4,982.00

Bell Choir Contributions - \$705.00

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

Week of April 10th – April 17th

<p>SUNDAY 4/10</p> <p>FOOD BANK COLLECTION</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 – Children’s Choir Practice</p>
<p>MONDAY 4/11</p>	
<p>TUESDAY 4/12</p>	<p>6:45 PM – Adult Choir</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY 4/13</p>	<p>7:00 PM – Mid Week Service</p>
<p>THURSDAY 4/14</p>	<p>10:00 AM – Bible Study</p>
<p>FRIDAY 4/15</p>	
<p>SATURDAY 4/16</p>	<p>8:00 AM – Men’s Bible Breakfast</p>
<p>SUNDAY 4/17</p>	<p>8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion 9:30 AM – Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM – Worship w/Communion 11:45 AM – Children’s Choir Practice 5:00 PM – Youth Event - Faini Family Dinner (at Joe’s House)</p>

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**

