

Zion Lutheran Church



Pentecost Sunday
May 15th 2016

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by Debbie Ford in Honor of the 37th Wedding Anniversary of Rege & Debbie Ford and Nancy, Paul and Rachel Klemash in Honor of Andrew's graduation from GW Law.
- **ETERNAL LIGHT** is given by Judith Dames 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.
- **CAR WASH!** Coming June 4th, Zion is going to have a Car Wash for our members and the people of our community! Not just suds and water, we are going to do the interiors, wheels and tires too! There will be food available. And, just like it has been in the past, it is absolutely free! Come and help out, or bring your car to be cleaned. Set-up starts at 9; the Car Wash starts at 10.
- **CAVE QUEST VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** is June 20-24. Volunteer forms are located in the Narthex or at www.zlcb.org/vbs. Registration opens Sunday, May 8th. Volunteer meetings is scheduled for Tuesday, May 31st. Contact Katie Gielarowski with any questions.
- **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** has started a new study, "Fight Back with Joy" join us Tuesday's from 7:30pm-8:45pm. Contact Alissa McLellan or Linda Kroeger with any questions.
- **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.)
- **CHILDRENS CHOIR** is today after the late service. Kids age 7-12 are welcome! You don't need to know how to sing to be a part of this fun group; Mark will teach you!
- **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!

This morning, we are going to spend time taking a look at part of our Bible in a Year Reading for today: Jesus and the Samaritan Woman from John 4. My guess is that you've probably heard about this story before (if not, that's OK, we're going to cover the basics this morning as well)—a woman with enough skeletons in her closet to make Ezekiel's valley of dry bones jealous meets Jesus in public where he reveals himself to her as the Christ. What I think is the most important take-away from this text is that Jesus is the Savior of sinful people from the wrong side of the tracks. If Jesus is not above being the Savior of an adulterous Samaritan Woman, he is not above being the Savior of anyone.

But there is more to the text than this. John is unique among the Gospel writers in that he refuses to put things into his Gospel for no reason. The conversation Jesus has with the Samaritan simply takes too much time for the only lesson to be a general reaching that Jesus is the Savior of everyone. There's more to the story of Jesus and the Samaritan Woman than that. I think you'll like what we find.

Also, thank you all for your prayers for my dad and our family last weekend. We are blessed to have a loving and faithful congregation with us as we work through managing the ravages of aging and the frailty of life. We are in as good a spot as we can be: trusting in God's mercy and provision. Good, however, is not always easy. But our trust in the resurrection conquers even the most difficult and worst that a world suffering from the disease of sin can summon.

God bless your time in worship this morning!

--Pastor Duncan McLellan

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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: Holy Spirit, Light Divine

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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

Pastor: O Almighty God, merciful Father,

People: **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter suffering and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful; being.**

Absolution Spoken by the Pastor

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 135

Praise the Lord!

Praise the name of the Lord, give praise, O servants of the Lord,
who stand in the house of the Lord, in the courts of the house of our God!

Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good; sing to his name, for it is pleasant!

For the Lord has chosen Jacob for himself, Israel as his own possession.

For I know that the Lord is great, and that our Lord is above all gods.

Whatever the Lord pleases, he does,

in heaven and on earth, in the seas and all deeps.

He it is who makes the clouds rise at the end of the earth,

who makes lightnings for the rain and brings forth the wind from his storehouses.

He it was who struck down the firstborn of Egypt, both of man and of beast;

who in your midst, O Egypt, sent signs and wonders

against Pharaoh and all his servants;

who struck down many nations and killed mighty kings,

Sihon, king of the Amorites, and Og, king of Bashan,

and all the kingdoms of Canaan,

and gave their land as a heritage, a heritage to his people Israel.

Your name, O Lord, endures forever, your renown, O Lord, throughout all ages.

For the Lord will vindicate his people and have compassion on his servants.

The idols of the nations are silver and gold, the work of human hands.

They have mouths, but do not speak; they have eyes, but do not see;

they have ears, but do not hear, nor is there any breath in their mouths.

Those who make them become like them, so do all who trust in them.

O house of Israel, bless the Lord! O house of Aaron, bless the Lord!
O house of Levi, bless the Lord! You who fear the Lord, bless the Lord!
Blessed be the Lord from Zion, he who dwells in Jerusalem!
Praise the Lord!

Pastor: In honor of our Lord Jesus Christ, we rise for the reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 4th Chapter.

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

Gospel Reading: John 4:1-29,39-42

Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus was making and baptizing more disciples than John (although Jesus himself did not baptize, but only his disciples), he left Judea and departed again for Galilee. And he had to pass through Samaria. So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up

to eternal life.” The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water.”

Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come here.” The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true.” The woman said to him, “Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship.” Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things.” Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am he.”

Just then his disciples came back. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you seek?” or, “Why are you talking with her?” So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, “Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?”

Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, “He told me all that I ever did.” So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

Sermon Hymn: Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid

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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)

Offertory – Reverence

(10:30 am)

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: 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.

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

The Lamb 547

Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior 619

Come unto Me, Ye Weary 684

Benediction

People: Amen

Why do we do this? "Benediction" means "good word." We want the last thing you hear as you leave the sanctuary to be words of Gospel comfort and encouragement; one last reminder of all that has been done for us and for our salvation.

The Recessional: All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

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Postlude

† *Service Participants* †

Pastor:	Rev. Duncan McLellan
Music Director:	Mark Killinger
The Organist:	Sandra Quinlan
The Pianist:	Lindsey Faini
The Elders:	Michael Kroeger & James Neill
The Acolyte:	Matt Liberatore (8:00) Lara Luedeman (10:30)
The Greeters:	Carl & Karen Bauer (8:00) Steve, Lori & Megan Gauger(10:30)
The Ushers:	Kathleen Conn, Bill Schrag (8:00) Janet & Larry Zreliak Debbie Ford, Bill Koester (10:30) Lois Sauro & Ted Siek
Altar Guild:	Barb Oechslein, Diana Schmidt Megan Pasquini
Nursery:	Tess Carter & Linda Kroeger

Last Week in Worship

Sunday Worship Attendance (5/8) – 225

Wednesday Attendance (5/11) – 16

Sunday Offering (5/8) - \$3,287.00

Online Offering (5/2-5/6) - \$1,520.00

Bell Choir Contributions - \$10.00

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

Week of May 15th – May 22nd

<p>SUNDAY 5/15</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 12:00 PM – Stephen Ministry 5:00 PM – Youth Event Faini Family Dinner</p>
<p>MONDAY 5/16</p>	
<p>TUESDAY 5/17</p>	<p>6:45 PM – Adult Choir 7:30 PM – Women’s Bible Study 7:00 PM – Zion Lions Softball Game</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY 5/18</p>	<p>7:00 PM – Mid Week Service</p>
<p>THURSDAY 5/19</p>	<p>10:00 AM – Bible Study</p>
<p>FRIDAY 5/20</p>	
<p>SATURDAY 5/21</p>	<p>8:00 AM – Men’s Bible Breakfast</p>
<p>SUNDAY 5/22</p>	<p>8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion 9:30 AM – Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM – Worship w/Communion & Children’s Church</p>

Youth Event Today!

Zion Youth News and Events

We're going to learn
to cook Faini Pas

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

