

Zion Lutheran Church



*Third Sunday
After Pentecost
June 5th 2016*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by the Mance Family in Memory of Loved Ones and by MeMaw and Grandpa Meier in Honor of their granddaughter Savanna's 2nd Birthday.
- **ETERNAL LIGHT** is given by Judith Dames in Memory of Loved Ones.
- **THANK YOU** for coming out to the Car Wash and building of the fire pit. We know that you have a lot of things vying for your time; thank you for prioritizing your ministry to the community and your church family! We will be planning our first fire-pit-based church activity shortly! Stay tuned...
- **PASTOR'S GRADUATION** Please join us at 9:30 am today, June 5th to celebrate Pastor McLellan's completion of the Masters of Arts in Theology and Ministry program at the Pittsburgh Theology Seminary. Light refreshments will be served during this hour of fellowship to recognize his hard work and achievement.
- **CAVE QUEST VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** is June 20 - 24. Registration deadline is Wednesday, June 15th. Check out our information center located in the back of the sanctuary or visit Zion's website for more information. www.zlcb.org/vbs. Attention CREW leaders and helpers! The mandatory crew meeting has been rescheduled for Monday, June 6th at 6:30 pm in the undercroft.
- **JOY BOOKS FOR SALE!** We have a few extra Fight Back With Joy Bible Study books ON SALE for \$10. Unique gift idea! Interested? Contact Linda Kroeger.
- **WELCOME CENTER!** Are you a guest or visitor looking for information about Zion? hello and welcome to Zion! Please stop by the table in the foyer after the service and we'll try to help.
- **CREATION CONFERENCE 2.** Several years ago, Zion hosted its first "Creation Conference." We had scientists and theologians come and present the evidence for the Biblical account of creation. Since then, we have had interest in a second "Creation Conference." We are tentatively planning on the weekend of August 13th for our Conference. More information will be available shortly right here, on our website and in our newsletter and the Pittsburgh Lutheran.
- **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.)
- **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!
- **MIDWEEK SMALL GROUP.** Looking for a good midweek Bible Study Small Group? We will be getting together in conjunction with our Service of Prayer and Preaching to study the books of James and Jude. Open to all ages, we encourage you to come! More details will be available in this space next week.
- **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 take a look at one of the passages from your Bible in a Year reading from last week, Acts 19:11-20, the Seven Sons of Sceva. The setting for this text was Ephesus, arguably Paul's favorite mission location. He has been going his work there of spreading the gospel of Jesus and has been given power to perform a number of miracles. Seven sons of a Jewish high priest see the attention Paul is getting, get jealous of him, and try to use the name of Jesus to magically drive a demon out of a man. To put it mildly, it does not go well for them. They are publicly humiliated. And, as a result, many people abandon their witchcraft and occult practices for the sake of the gospel of Jesus.

So why preach on this text? Well, in addition to the story itself, the lessons we can learn from the text are interesting and practical. We don't talk a lot about the occult, witchcraft, demon possession and the magic arts. Not that we should; but neither should we pretend they are not realities and temptations for us and others. Some of us might chuckle, amused that civilized, enlightened and modern people would turn to things like magic to improve their lot in life. But as I hope you'll see this morning, the sons of Sceva and many citizens of Ephesus had fallen into the trap that many of us have—intentionally or unknowingly: pride.

This morning we are going to take a look at Acts 19 and apply it to our lives, seeing our need for a Savior, and the good news that God has provided more for us than we could ask for or imagine in Jesus Christ!

God bless your time in worship this morning. God bless your time in worship.

--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 – The Lord, My God, Be Praised ***Introduction to Worship and Announcements***

Opening Hymn: The Lord, My God, Be Praised

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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: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Hebrews 10:22

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 124:8

People: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord, and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Psalm 32:5

Pastor: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Mark 16:16; John 1:12

Absolution Spoken by the Pastor

Hymn of Praise: This Is the Feast

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Refrain:

This is the feast of victory for 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 5

To the choirmaster: for the flutes. A Psalm of David.

Give ear to my words, O Lord; consider my groaning. Give attention to the sound of my cry, my King and my God, for to you do I pray.

O Lord, in the morning you hear my voice; in the morning I prepare a sacrifice for you and watch.

For you are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil may not dwell with you.

The boastful shall not stand before your eyes; you hate all evildoers.

You destroy those who speak lies; the Lord abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.

But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love, will enter your house. I will bow down toward your holy temple in the fear of you.

Lead me, O Lord, in your righteousness because of my enemies; make your way straight before me.

For there is no truth in their mouth; their inmost self is destruction; their throat is an open grave; they flatter with their tongue.

Make them bear their guilt, O God; let them fall by their own counsels; because of the abundance of their transgressions cast them out, for they have rebelled against you.

But let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them ever sing for joy, and spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may exult in you.

For you bless the righteous, O Lord; you cover him with favor as with a shield.

New Testament Reading: Acts 19:11-20

And God was doing extraordinary miracles by the hands of Paul, so that even handkerchiefs or aprons that had touched his skin were carried away to the sick, and their diseases left them and the evil spirits came out of them. Then some of the itinerant Jewish exorcists undertook to invoke the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, "I adjure you by the Jesus whom Paul proclaims." Seven sons of a Jewish high priest named Sceva were doing this. But the evil spirit answered them, "Jesus I know, and Paul I recognize, but who are you?" And the man in whom was the evil spirit leaped on them, mastered all of them and overpowered them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded. And this became known to all the residents of Ephesus, both Jews and Greeks. And fear fell upon them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was extolled. Also many of those who were now believers came, confessing and divulging their practices. And a number of those who had practiced magic arts brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all. And they counted the value of them and found it came to fifty thousand pieces of silver. So the word of the Lord continued to increase and prevail mightily.

Pastor: In honor of our Lord Jesus Christ, we rise for the reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 5th Chapter.

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

Gospel Reading: **Mark 5:1-13**

They came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gerasenes. And when Jesus had stepped out of the boat, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit. He lived among the tombs. And no one could bind him anymore, not even with a chain, for he had often been bound with shackles and chains, but he wrenched the chains apart, and he broke the shackles in pieces. No one had the strength to subdue him. Night and day among the tombs and on the mountains he was always crying out and cutting himself with stones. And when he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and fell down before him. And crying out with a loud voice, he said, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I adjure you by God, do not torment me." For he was saying to him, "Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!" And Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" He replied, "My name is Legion, for we are many." And he begged him earnestly not to send them out of the country. Now a great herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, and they begged him, saying, "Send us to the pigs; let us enter them." So he gave them permission. And the unclean spirits came out and entered the pigs; and the herd, numbering about two thousand, rushed down the steep bank into the sea and drowned in the sea.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

(Please be seated)

Sermon Hymn: What is the World to Me

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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 service)

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

All Depends on Our Possessing

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O Lord, We Praise Thee

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God Has Spoken by His Prophets

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Benediction

People: Amen

The Recessional: Christ the Eternal Lord

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Postlude – Christ the Eternal Lord

† *Service Participants* †

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| Pastor: | Rev. Duncan McLellan |
| Music Director: | Mark Killinger |
| The Organist: | Sandra Quinlan |
| The Elders: | Peter Fisher & Robert Oelschlager |
| The Acolyte: | Joey Ackerman (8:00) Carley Rockovich (10:30) |
| The Greeters: | George, Jane & Michael Kozak (8:00) Janet & Marian Oelschlager(10:30) |
| The Ushers: | Melanie & Bill Becker, (8:00) Michael Kozak & Larry Zreliak Ross Chilcott, Dan Harris, (10:30) Richard Quinlan & Chuck LaJeunesse |
| Altar Guild: | Elsie Dalla Piazza, Bernice DeBoe, & Mary Hutula |
| Nursery: | Megan Glasser & Sharon Bogden |

Last Week in Worship

Sunday Worship Attendance (5/29) – 253

Wednesday Attendance (6/1) – 14

Sunday Offering (5/29) - \$3,820.00

Online Offering (5/29) - \$475.00

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

Week of June 5th – 12th

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| SUNDAY 6/5 | 8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion 9:15 AM – Sunday School & Adult Bible Study / Cake Reception for Pastor’s Graduation 10:30 AM – Worship w/Communion |
| MONDAY 6/6 | 6:30 PM – VBS Meeting 7:00 PM – Trustees Meeting |
| TUESDAY 6/7 | 6:45 PM – Adult Choir |
| WEDNESDAY 6/8 | 7:00 PM – Mid Week Service 8:30 PM – Zion Lions Softball Game |
| THURSDAY 6/9 | 10:00 AM – Bible Study 7:30 PM – Church Council Meeting |
| FRIDAY 6/10 | |
| SATURDAY 6/11 | 8:00 AM – Men’s Bible Breakfast (open to all) |
| SUNDAY 6/12 | 8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion 9:30 AM – Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM – Worship w/Communion 5:00 PM – Youth Event – Capture the Flag |

Youth Event Next Sunday



CAPTURE THE FLAG

WHERE? ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
WHO? ANYONE IN MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL
TIME? 5:00-7:00PM
WHEN? SUNDAY, JUNE 12

MORE INFO?
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