

# Zion Lutheran Church



Seventh Sunday  
After Pentecost  
July 3<sup>rd</sup> 2016

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by the Kroeger Family in Honor of all those who defend our freedom and by the Klemash Family with a message of God bless the U.S.A.
- **ETERNAL LIGHT** is given by Lois Sauro in Memory of her Mother.
- **JOSHUA ULM** will be installed as our Vicar on July 24<sup>th</sup>. We will have a time to meet and greet Joshua and his family during the Sunday School hour in the Fellowship Hall.
- **VICAR BASKET COLLECTION** We will present Vicar Ulm and his family a gift basket on Monday, July 18<sup>th</sup> (his first official day of work), to welcome him to Zion. Donations of restaurant gift cards, grocery store gift cards, pantry items, or cash will be accepted until July 10<sup>th</sup>. Donations will be collected after services. For any questions, please contact the secretaries at: [secretary@zlcg.org](mailto:secretary@zlcg.org) or by phone 412-221-4776.
- **STEPHEN MINISTRY** is looking forward to resuming again in the fall, providing Christ-centered care for people going through hard times. Want to be a Stephen Ministry or be trained as a Stephen Minister or Stephen Leader? Contact Pastor Duncan or Kristin Neill.
- **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. **The dates of the conference are August 12-14.** 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.)
- **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! A sign-up sheet for the study books is in the narthex/greeting/entryway area. Looking forward to seeing you there! The Small Group study starts July 20<sup>th</sup>; childcare will be provided! Please sign-up for the study by July 13<sup>th</sup>.
- **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.zlcg.org/sermons](http://www.zlcg.org/sermons)

## Welcome to worship!

This morning our focus is on 2 Samuel 9, and the story of David and Mephibosheth. This story is largely unknown, but is, in my opinion, the most powerful picture of the gospel in the entire Old Testament. In it, the newly crowned King David does the unthinkable; he goes out of his way to show kindness to the only remaining descendant of the recently deposed King Saul's house. Mephibosheth is the only surviving member of Saul's household. He was living in no-man's land and was crippled in both feet. But David brings him into his palace, promises him all that belonged to Saul, invites him to eat from his table, and gave him a full cadre of servants to tent to his daily needs.

But before David gives a thing to Mephibosheth, he tells him that he is going to show Mephibosheth God's kindness. He speaks to the grandson of Saul and tell him that what he is going to do is an object lesson on the grace, mercy and love of God; David tells Mephibosheth that he wants to show him "God's kindness." David shows Mephibosheth and the reader of 2 Samuel 9 (you and me) that God's kindness is total and complete, it does not cut corners or ask for anything in return. It finds its ultimate expression when Jesus bled and died on the cross for you and for me. Here, in 2 Samuel 9, it is foreshadowed.

I hope that this text will lay to rest in your minds any notion that there is something you need to do to earn God's favor, or that there is anything you can do to add to what Christ has done for you in his death and resurrection. I hope that this text will show you beyond a shadow of a doubt that your heavenly Father loves you and that his love lacks nothing.

Tomorrow our nation celebrates the anniversary of our independence from England. As Christians, this text helps us remember that God's kindness has set us free from being controlled by the devil, the world and our own sinful flesh.

-Pastor Duncan

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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 – Eternal Father, Strong to Save A Prayer of Patriotism***

### ***Introduction to Worship and Announcements***

***Opening Hymn: Eternal Father, Strong to Save*** 717

### ***The Invocation***

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

**People: Amen.**

### ***Confession of Sins***

Leader: O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare Your praise.

Psalm 51:15

**People: Make haste, O God, to deliver me; make haste to help me, O Lord.**

Psalm 70:1

**All: *Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.***

Leader: We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.

**People: Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven and whose sin is put away.**

Leader: We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.

**People: He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**

Leader: Let us therefore confess our sins to God our Father, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: *Father in heaven, we confess that we are sinful and in need of forgiveness. Strengthen our faith, remove our sins from us and lead us to follow you with all of our heart, mind, soul and***

***strength all the days of our lives through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.***

***Absolution:***

Leader: In the mercy of God, Jesus Christ died on the cross for your sins, conquered death in his resurrection, and ascended into heaven. It is my privilege to announce to you that because of Jesus Christ, all of your sins are forgiven. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen**

***Hymn of Praise: This Is the Feast***

**155**

**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***

Leader: Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark learn and inwardly digest them that, by patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

Leader: Lord God, heavenly Father, we offer before You our common supplication for the well-being of Your Church throughout the world. So guide and govern it by Your Holy Spirit that all who profess themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Send down upon all ministers of the Gospel and upon the congregations committed to their care the healthful spirit of Your

grace that they may please You in all things. Behold in mercy all who are in authority over us. Supply them with Your blessing that they may be inclined to Your will and walk according to Your commandments. We humbly ask Your abiding presence in every situation that You would make known Your ways among us. Preserve those who travel, satisfy the wants of Your creatures, and help those who call upon You in any need that they may have patience in the midst of suffering and, according to Your will, be released from their afflictions; through Christ Jesus, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

## **The Service of the Word**

### **Psalm of the Day:**

### **Psalm 33:13-22**

The Lord looks down from heaven; he sees all the children of man; from where he sits enthroned he looks out on all the inhabitants of the earth, he who fashions the hearts of them all and observes all their deeds.

The king is not saved by his great army; a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.

The war horse is a false hope for salvation, and by its great might it cannot rescue.

Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love, that he may deliver their soul from death and keep them alive in famine.

Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.

For our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name.

Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

### **Old Testament Reading:**

### **2 Samuel 9**

And David said, "Is there still anyone left of the house of Saul, that I may show him kindness for Jonathan's sake?" Now there was a servant of the house of Saul whose name was Ziba, and they called him to David. And the king said to

him, "Are you Ziba?" And he said, "I am your servant." And the king said, "Is there not still someone of the house of Saul, that I may show the kindness of God to him?" Ziba said to the king, "There is still a son of Jonathan; he is crippled in his feet." The king said to him, "Where is he?" And Ziba said to the king, "He is in the house of Machir the son of Ammiel, at Lo-debar." Then King David sent and brought him from the house of Machir the son of Ammiel, at Lo-debar. And Mephibosheth the son of Jonathan, son of Saul, came to David and fell on his face and paid homage. And David said, "Mephibosheth!" And he answered, "Behold, I am your servant." And David said to him, "Do not fear, for I will show you kindness for the sake of your father Jonathan, and I will restore to you all the land of Saul your father, and you shall eat at my table always." And he paid homage and said, "What is your servant, that you should show regard for a dead dog such as I?"

Then the king called Ziba, Saul's servant, and said to him, "All that belonged to Saul and to all his house I have given to your master's grandson. And you and your sons and your servants shall till the land for him and shall bring in the produce, that your master's grandson may have bread to eat. But Mephibosheth your master's grandson shall always eat at my table." Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants. Then Ziba said to the king, "According to all that my lord the king commands his servant, so will your servant do." So Mephibosheth ate at David's table, like one of the king's sons. And Mephibosheth had a young son, whose name was Mica. And all who lived in Ziba's house became Mephibosheth's servants. So Mephibosheth lived in Jerusalem, for he ate always at the king's table. Now he was lame in both his feet.

**Leader:** In honor of our Lord Jesus Christ, we rise for the reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 5<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

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

## **Gospel Reading:**

**John 5:1-17**

After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Aramaic called Bethesda, which has five roofed colonnades. In these lay a multitude of invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed. One man was there who had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had already been there a long time, he said to him, “Do you want to be healed?” The sick man answered him, “Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am going another steps down before me.” Jesus said to him, “Get up, take up your bed, and walk.” And at once the man was healed, and he took up his bed and walked.

Now that day was the Sabbath. So the Jews said to the man who had been healed, “It is the Sabbath, and it is not lawful for you to take up your bed.” But he answered them, “The man who healed me, that man said to me, ‘Take up your bed, and walk.’” They asked him, “Who is the man who said to you, ‘Take up your bed and walk?’” Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. Afterward Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, “See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse may happen to you.” The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him. And this was why the Jews were persecuting Jesus, because he was doing these things on the Sabbath. But Jesus answered them, “My Father is working until now, and I am working.”

**Leader:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

(Please be seated)



***Hymn of the Day: This is My Song***

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***Message***

(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 – O Beautiful, for Spacious Skies***

***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)

***Benediction***

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God and the fellowship  
    of the Holy Spirit be with you always.

**People: Amen**

***The Recessional: God of Our Fathers***

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***Postlude – Theme, Trio and Finale on the “National Anthem”***

## † *Service Participants* †

Leader:	John Gielarowski
Music Director:	Mark Killinger
The Organist:	Diana R. Schott
The Elders:	Paul Klemash
The Acolyte:	Joey Ackerman (8:00) Leah Luedeman (10:30)
The Greeters:	Ron & Judy Meier (8:00) Chuck & Debbie LaJeunesse(10:30)
The Ushers:	Brian Pasquini, Dale Miller (8:00) Barb & Wayne Oechslein Loren Luedeman, Ted Siek (10:30) Kari & John Gresh
Altar Guild:	Clara Hayes & Sandy Bryant
Nursery:	Debra Sterba & Adele Goodge

## **Last Week in Worship**

Sunday Worship Attendance (6/26)- 203

Wednesday Attendance (6/29) – 13

Sunday Offering (6/26) - \$5,011.00

Online Offering (6/20-6/24) - \$475.00

Hand bell Contribution - \$50.00

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# Week of July 3<sup>rd</sup> – July 10<sup>th</sup>

<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>7/3</b>	8:00 AM – Worship 9:30 AM – Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM – Worship
<b>MONDAY</b> <b>7/4</b>	
<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>7/5</b>	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>7/6</b>	7:00 PM – Service of Prayer & Preaching
<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>7/7</b>	8:15 PM – Zion Lions Softball game 9:30 PM – Zion Lions Softball game
<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>7/8</b>	
<b>SATURDAY</b> <b>7/9</b>	8:00 AM – Men’s Bible Breakfast
<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>7/10</b>  <b>Food Bank Collection</b>	8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion 9:30 AM –Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM – Worship w/Communion & Youth Gathering Commissioning

## The preschool is seeking a part-time Day Porter

General duties include custodial, property maintenance, minor repairs and set up activities. The ideal candidate would have experience in custodian and repair work and have the ability to move light furniture such as tables, chairs, etc.

The hours would be 3 hours/day, 5 days a week, during the time of school operation, September through mid-June.

If you know of anyone interested, please contact Kim Anderson ([kmcphillips1@comcast.net](mailto:kmcphillips1@comcast.net)) or Tracey Harris ([tharrissyd@comcast.net](mailto:tharrissyd@comcast.net)) for additional details on specific duties, requirements and compensation.



**JOIN US**

Please mark your calendar for a meet and greet breakfast on July 24th! We will be having a breakfast between services for Vicar Joshua and his family.

More information coming soon!



# Please Pray for our LCMS Youth Gathering Participants!



**Anna Gresh**



**Sydney Harris**



**Lara Luedeman**



**Augie Bishop**



**In Christ Alone**  
LCMS YOUTH GATHERING



**Leif Luedeman**



**Kari Gresh**



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