

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



SERVICE OF PRAYER AND
PREACHING
JULY 13TH 2016



ANNOUNCEMENTS

JAMES AND JUDE! Starting next Wednesday, we will be having a small group Bible Study on the books of James and Jude as part of our Midweek Service. If you want to take part in this study, please sign-up for study guides on the sign-up sheet either in the narthex or the bulletin board by the side entrance. Hope to see you there!

VICAR JOSHUA will be arriving this Saturday at 10:00am. If you would like (or would be willing) to help the Ulm family move in to their apartment, please meet here at 9:30. (You can meet here at 8:00 and do Men's Bible Breakfast first!)

2.10.66! We've done it twice; will the third time be the charm? Going through all 66 books of the Bible over 10 hours and 2 days. Look for a sign-up sheet in the narthex area as we look at the interest level and possible times for doing a 3rd 2.10.66!

PITTSBURGH LUTHERAN! Look for more information about Zion in the upcoming edition of the Pittsburgh Lutheran. A big shout-out/ tip-of-the-hat to our team who has taken on the responsibility of publishing and improving this valuable communication resource for the LCMS congregations in the greater Pittsburgh Area! Way to go team!

CREATION CONFERENCE. Keep an eye out for our second Creation Conference here at Zion in August (12-14). We will have a group of scientists and theologians come and present their research and inform us on the truth of the Biblical account of creation. You won't want to miss this conference; a great opportunity to learn and grow in your faith!

Welcome to worship!

Obituaries are strange things. Written about people after they die, they largely say what should have been told to the recently deceased before their demise. Obituaries are sad things. They are usually written in haste by people caught in the high tide of the grieving process; tossed this way and that by the hurricane of emotions and the tsunami of change that only death can bring.

This evening, we are looking at what amounts to David's obituary, using David's own words. How do you memorialize the man who started off as a humble shepherd to become king, who fought in many battles, consolidated and grew power, brought the centers of religious and civic life to the same city, unified the tribes of Israel, and turned the hearts of the people of Israel to worship the Lord alone? There is much that could have been written on David's tombstone.

In our text this evening, we will see that what mattered most was that David remained faithful and was carried through life on the wings of the Lord's grace. He was given all that he had and lived under the sovereign protection of a merciful and loving God. Even though it's not one of the most well-known passages, there's a lot we can learn from this passage from the Old Testament.

God bless your time in worship this evening!

-Pastor Duncan

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The Service of Prayer and Preaching

Pastor: 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.*

Reading: 2 Samuel 23:1-7

Now these are the last words of David:

The oracle of David, the son of Jesse, the oracle of the man who was raised on high, the anointed of the God of Jacob, the sweet psalmist of Israel:

“The Spirit of the Lord speaks by me; his word is on my tongue.

The God of Israel has spoken; the Rock of Israel has said to me:

When one rules justly over men, ruling in the fear of God, he dawns on them like the morning light, like the sun shining forth on a cloudless morning, like rain that makes grass to sprout from the earth. “For does not my house stand so with God? For he has made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things and secure. For will he not cause to prosper all my help and my desire? But worthless men are all like thorns that are thrown away, for they cannot be taken with the hand; but the man who touches them arms himself with iron and the shaft of a spear, and they are utterly consumed with fire.”

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.

The Prayers

Pastor: Let my prayer rise before You as incense,
People: **and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**
Psalm 141:2

Pastor: My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior; for he has regarded the lowliness of His hand-maiden.
People: **For behold, from this day all generations will call me blessed. For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and holy is His name; and His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation.**

Pastor: He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has exalted the lowly.
People: **He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent empty away. He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy and He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed forever.**
Luke 1:46-55

Pastor: O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the

world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Pastor: ...Lord, in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

All: *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*

Matthew 6:9-13

The Benediction

Pastor: The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make His face shine upon us and be gracious to us. The Lord lift up His countenance upon us and give us peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

People: Amen.

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