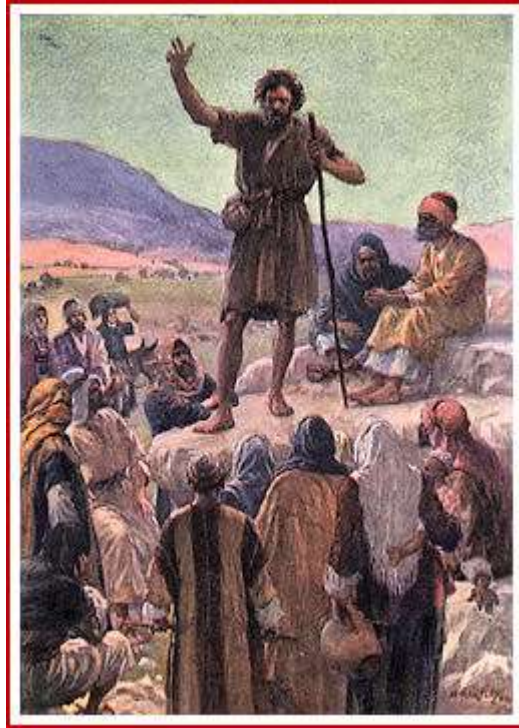


# Zion Lutheran Church



Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

July 24<sup>th</sup> 2016

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by the congregation in Honor of Vicar Joshua's installation.
- **ETERNAL LIGHT** is given by Bernice DeBoe in Memory of her brothers Edwin and Walter.
- **THE NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING** happened! Thanks to our intrepid volunteers who helped out. Pictures from the Gathering are available on-line. Thanks also for those who supported the group. We'll be going again in three years (Lord willing) when the National Youth Gathering will be in Minneapolis, Minnesota.
- **JOSHUA ULM** will be installed as our Vicar today at both services. We will have a time to meet and greet Joshua and his family during the Sunday School hour in the Fellowship Hall. Breakfast will be served!
- **ADULT CHOIR** will start up again August 16th! Rehearsals will take place every Tuesday evening in the sanctuary from 7:00pm-8:00pm. This is a great way to get to involved, have fun, and strengthen our faith in the Lord. Contact Mark Killinger if you have any questions or would like more information.
- **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.zlcb.org/sermons](http://www.zlcb.org/sermons)

# Welcome to worship!

Welcome to Worship!

This morning we are going to install Joshua Ulm as Zion's third Vicar. Joshua and his wife, Mary, and two children, Hannah and Joseph, moved into their apartment last Saturday and worshiped with us on Sunday. After a busy week of moving in, getting settled, and getting his feet wet with ministry (a brief tour of the area, a Circuit Pastor's picnic, Wednesday worship, Thursday Bible study, and starting his work on next Wednesday's sermon), it's time to make it official, install Joshua, and continue to pray for him and his family in worship this morning.

Joshua chose the text for his installation, 1 Samuel 1:1-20. We are going to take a look at what it means to follow God's calling for your life. Ultimately, any discussion of obedience to God's calling will lead us to the example of Christ, who was called from before the beginning of time to be Creation's redeemer. And any notion we have about the difficulties in the calling, or callings, God has given us, are put in their place by Christ's call to lay down his life, face the wrath of a holy God for all sin, and to experience death on behalf of us all. We've got a lot to cover this morning!

God bless your time in worship this morning!

-Pastor Duncan McLellan

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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: Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me* 761

## *The Invocation*

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

People: Amen.

## *Confession of Sins*

People: Lord Jesus Christ, I thank you for calling me by the gospel, enlightening me with your gifts, and sending the Holy Spirit into my life to sanctify me and lead me down the path you have marked out for me. But I have been ungrateful for what you have called me to do; I have failed to work at what you have called me to do with my whole heart; I have been jealous at what you have called other people to do. Forgive me. Allow me to be content in what you have called me to do, and give me the privilege of seeing you at work through what I have been called to do. I ask this in your name. Amen.

## *Absolution Spoken by the Pastor*

*Hymn of Praise: My Soul Rejoices* 933

My soul rejoices, My spirit voices—sing the greatness of the Lord!

For God my Savior Has shown me favor—sing the greatness of the Lord!

With praise and blessing, Join in confessing God, who is solely mighty and holy—

O sing the greatness of the Lord!

His mercy surely Shall rest securely On all who fear Him love and revere Him—

O sing the greatness of God the Lord!

His arm now baring, His strength declaring—Sing the greatness of the Lord!

The proud He scatters, Their rule He shatters—Sing the greatness of the Lord!

Oppression halted; The meek exalted. Full are the hungry; Empty the wealthy—

O sing the greatness of God the Lord!  
Here is the token All that was spoken To Abram's offspring God is fulfilling—  
O sing the greatness of God the Lord!

### ***The Prayer of the Church***

(Please be seated)

## **The Service of the Word**

### **Old Testament Reading: 1 Samuel 1:1-20**

There was a certain man of Ramathaim-zophim of the hill country of Ephraim whose name was Elkanah the son of Jeroham, son of Elihu, son of Tohu, son of Zuph, an Ephrathite. He had two wives. The name of the one was Hannah, and the name of the other, Peninnah. And Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children.

Now this man used to go up year by year from his city to worship and to sacrifice to the Lord of hosts at Shiloh, where the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were priests of the Lord. On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to Peninnah his wife and to all her sons and daughters. But to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, though the Lord had closed her womb. And her rival used to provoke her grievously to irritate her, because the Lord had closed her womb. So it went on year by year. As often as she went up to the house of the Lord, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat. And Elkanah, her husband, said to her, "Hannah, why do you weep? And why do you not eat? And why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?"

After they had eaten and drunk in Shiloh, Hannah rose. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the Lord. She was deeply distressed and prayed to the Lord and wept bitterly. And she vowed a vow and said, "O Lord of hosts, if you will indeed look on the affliction of your servant and remember me and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant

a son, then I will give him to the Lord all the days of his life, and no razor shall touch his head.”

As she continued praying before the Lord, Eli observed her mouth. Hannah was speaking in her heart; only her lips moved, and her voice was not heard. Therefore Eli took her to be a drunken woman. And Eli said to her, “How long will you go on being drunk? Put your wine away from you.” But Hannah answered, “No, my lord, I am a woman troubled in spirit. I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the Lord. Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for all along I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation.” Then Eli answered, “Go in peace, and the God of Israel grant your petition that you have made to him.” And she said, “Let your servant find favor in your eyes.” Then the woman went her way and ate, and her face was no longer sad.

They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the Lord; then they went back to their house at Ramah. And Elkanah knew Hannah his wife, and the Lord remembered her. And in due time Hannah conceived and bore a son, and she called his name Samuel, for she said, “I have asked for him from the Lord.”

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

### **Psalm 54**

O God, save me by your name,  
and vindicate me by your might.  
O God, hear my prayer;  
give ear to the words of my mouth.  
For strangers have risen against me;  
ruthless men seek my life;  
they do not set God before themselves. *Selah*  
Behold, God is my helper;  
the Lord is the upholder of my life.

He will return the evil to my enemies;  
in your faithfulness put an end to them.  
With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to you;  
I will give thanks to your name, O Lord, for it is good.  
For he has delivered me from every trouble,  
and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies.

**Pastor:** In honor of our Lord Jesus Christ, we rise for the reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Chapter.

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

**Gospel Reading:** **Matthew 3: 1-12**

In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.'"

Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father,' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

"I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize

you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

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

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

(Please be seated)

***Sermon Hymn: Beautiful Savior***

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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***

***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***

*Preserve Your Word, O Savior*

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*O Lord, We Praise Thee*

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*Thine Forever, God of Love*

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#### ***Benediction***

**People:**        **Amen**

**Postlude**

**† Service Participants †**

Pastor:	Rev. Duncan McLellan
Music Director:	Mark Killinger
The Organist:	Sandra Quinlan
The Elders:	Paul Klemash
The Acolyte:	Joey Ackerman (8:00) Lara Luedeman (10:30)
The Greeters:	Bernice DeBoe (8:00) Norm & Brittany Dill & Family (10:30)
The Ushers:	Wayne & Barb Oechslein, (8:00) Brian Pasquini & Dale Miller Kari & John Gresh, (10:30) Loren Luedeman & Ted Siek
Altar Guild:	Clara Hayes & Sandy Bryant
Nursery:	Tess Carter & Linda Kroeger

**Last Week in Worship**

Sunday Worship Attendance (7/17) – 179

Wednesday Attendance (7/20) – 25

Sunday Offering (7/17) – \$3,458.00

Online Offering (7/11-7/15) - \$717.69

Hand bell Contribution – \$90.00

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# Week of July 24<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>

<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>7/24</b>	8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion & Vicar Installation 9:15 AM –Meet the Vicar & Family Breakfast 10:30 AM – Worship w/Communion & Vicar Installation 1:35 PM – Zion Day at PNC Park
<b>MONDAY</b> <b>7/25</b>	
<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>7/26</b>	6:30 PM – Sunday School Meeting 7:00 PM – Zion Lions Softball Game
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>7/27</b>	7:00 PM – Service of Prayer & Preaching
<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>7/28</b>	10:00 AM – Bible Study
<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>7/29</b>	
<b>SATURDAY</b> <b>7/30</b>	8:00 AM – Men’s Bible Breakfast
<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>7/31</b>	8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion 9:15 AM –Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM – Worship w/Communion 11:45 AM – Events Committee Meeting