

Zion Lutheran Church



Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

July 31st 2016

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by Megan Richards in Memory of her father, Frank Rilius and by Paul & Theresa Hayes in Memory of Dick Wible.
- **ETERNAL LIGHT** is given by Rochelle & Andy Thompson in Memory of loved ones.
- **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.
- **CHILDREN'S CHOIR** is back starting September 4th! Rehearsals will take place every Sunday immediately following the 10:30am service in the undercroft for approximately 30 minutes. This is a great way for kids to praise the Lord, have fun with their friends, and learn how to sing! Any students Grades 1-6 are welcome!
- **MEN'S CHOIR:** We are starting up a men's choir this year! Since week nights are very busy, we are going to rehearse Saturday mornings from 10:00-10:45am. See Mark Killinger for a rehearsal schedule if you are interested. We will rehearse every other Saturday morning starting August 27th.
- **BELL CHOIR:** We are getting closer and closer to buying our own set of hand bells! That being said, we still have a long way to go. Please prayerfully consider contributing to this area of our music ministry. Mark your calendars, we will have a "Reformation Concert" October 30th to benefit the hand bell choir. Stay tuned for more details about this event next month!
- **STEPHEN MINISTRY** is looking forward to resuming again in the fall, providing Christ-centered care for people going through hard times. Want 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! Stop by the table in the foyer after the service and we'll try to help.
- **GENESIS SEMINAR II:** Several years ago, Zion hosted its first "Creation Conference" which we called Genesis Seminar. 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 Genesis Seminar. **The dates of the seminar are August 12-14.** More information is available in the narthex, on our website, 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! Our Small Groups have started, but it's not too late join in the fun! Child care is provided.
- **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!

Welcome to Worship!

This morning our focus is on several verses from your Bible in a Year Reading for today. In our reading, King David is giving his last words to his son, Solomon. He tells his soon-to-be-king-progeny to seek the Lord with all of his heart, with the promise that the Lord reveals himself to those who seek him. His words make sense and are echoed in many places in Scripture.

But consider them: God rewards those who seek after him by revealing himself to them. While this is true, it is not good news. It is a command, a Law to seek God all the time everywhere in every way. But we are weak, given to temptation and, in this case, laziness and lethargy. I do not have it in me to seek after God day in and day out. David's words to Solomon, meant as encouragement and loving admonition, are terrifying to someone who has a history of spiritual weakness.

And then there is the Gospel Lesson for this morning, where God doesn't wait for anyone to seek for him, to cultivate in themselves a love for all things divine and the will to follow through on those intentions, he seeks people out—not pious people, sinful, ugly, ungodly, like-you-and-me people. “Look! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.” The Gospel is not that we can expect God to be faithful if we go first and are faithful to him, but that he loves us enough to seek us out, reveal himself to us, and then die for our sins on the cross.

We've got a lot to cover this morning; a lot of good Gospel stuff! Glad you are here...

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

Introduction to Worship and Announcements

Opening Hymn: How Firm a Foundation

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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

People: Lord Jesus Christ, you word says that God reveals himself to those who seek him. I have claimed to want to be close to you, but have failed to seek after you with my whole heart. I am unable to seek after you; if I am to be saved, I need you to seek after me. Rescue me from my sin and protect me with your divine power and favor. Amen.

Absolution Spoken by the Pastor

Hymn of Praise: My Soul Rejoices

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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 God 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)

Baptism of Tess Conner (8:00 Service)

The Service of the Word

Old Testament Reading: 1 Chronicles 28:9-10

“And you, my son Solomon, acknowledge the God of your father, and serve him with wholehearted devotion and with a willing mind, for the Lord searches every heart and understands every desire and every thought. If you seek him, he will be found by you; but if you forsake him, he will reject you forever. Consider now, for the Lord has chosen you to build a house as the sanctuary. Be strong and do the work.”

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 61

Hear my cry, O God, listen to my prayer; from the end of the earth I call to you when my heart is faint.

Lead me to the rock that is higher than I, for you have been my refuge, a strong tower against the enemy.

Let me dwell in your tent forever!

Let me take refuge under the shelter of your wings! Selah

For you, O God, have heard my vows; you have given me the heritage of those who fear your name.

Prolong the life of the king; may his years endure to all generations!

May he be enthroned forever before God; appoint steadfast love and faithfulness to watch over him!

So will I ever sing praises to your name, as I perform my vows day after day.

Pastor: In honor of our Lord Jesus Christ, we rise for the reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 1st Chapter.

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

Gospel Reading:

John 1:29-34

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.' I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John bore witness: "I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

Sermon Hymn: O Word of God Incarnate

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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

<i>For Me to Live Is Jesus</i>	742
<i>The Lamb</i>	547
<i>Jesus Sat with His Disciples</i>	932

Benediction

People: Amen

<i>The Recessional: Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me</i>	715
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Postlude

† *Service Participants* †

Pastor:	Rev. Duncan McLellan
Vicar:	Joshua Ulm
Music Director:	Mark Killinger
The Organist:	Doug Krantz
The Elders:	Paul Klemash
The Acolyte:	Matthew Liberatore (8:00) Anna Gresh (10:30)
The Greeters:	Gene & Sharon Koop (8:00) John & Katie Gielarowski & 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:	Kristen Neill & Christine Chilcott

Last Week in Worship

Sunday Worship Attendance (7/24) – 199

Wednesday Attendance (7/27) – 28

Sunday Offering (7/24) – \$5,042.00

Online Offering (7/18-7/22) - \$475.00

Hand bell Contribution – \$50.00

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

Week of July 31st-August 7th

SUNDAY 7/31	8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion 9:15 AM –Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM – Worship w/Communion
MONDAY 8/1	7:00 PM – Trustees Meeting
TUESDAY 8/2	7:00 PM & 8:30 PM– Zion Lions Softball Game Double Header at McLaughlin Run Park
WEDNESDAY 8/3	7:00 PM – Service of Prayer & Preaching 7:00 PM – Zion Lions Softball Game
THURSDAY 8/4	10:00 AM – Bible Study 7:30 PM – Elders Meeting
FRIDAY 8/5	
SATURDAY 8/6	8:00 AM – Men’s Bible Breakfast
SUNDAY 8/7	8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion 9:15 AM –Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM – Worship w/Communion 11:45 AM – Board of Education Meeting



Coming to Zion August 12-14

Please join us and allow highly qualified scientist and theologians help you to understand the creation-evolution controversy and to defend the Biblical account of creation in six literal days.

Look for fliers and pamphlets with more detailed information on the speakers and an in depth schedule of events in the narthex.

An overview schedule for this three day conference is as follows:

Friday 7:00pm: All speakers will be introduced and each will summarize the scientific reason why he rejects comprehensive evolution. Q&A will follow if time allows.

Saturday 9:30am-12:30pm: Illustrated lectures by R. Gillmann, D. Wert, and R. Walsh.

Saturday 2:00-5:00pm: Lectures by Dr. Steinmann, A. German, D. Wert by power point.

Saturday 7:00-9:30pm: Dr. Siek on evolutionists admitting bias; more Q&A by panel.

Sunday 2:00-4:00pm: Dr. Steinmann on interpreting Genesis by letting scripture interpret scripture.