

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



SERVICE OF PRAYER AND
PREACHING
AUGUST 3RD 2016



ANNOUNCEMENTS

JAMES AND JUDE! On Wednesday evenings, we will be having a small group Bible Study on the books of James and Jude as part of our Midweek Service. It's not too late to pick up your study guide following the service this evening. We'll be going over the first unit after the service this week!

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!

CREATION CONFERENCE. Keep an eye out for our second Genesis Seminar 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!

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Our Psalm for this evening gives a vivid description of the tactics of David's enemies as they pursue him. They whet their tongues like swords, they aim their bitter words like arrows, and they lay snares to entrap him. So many of the Psalms written by David come from situations like this. David's enemies are following after him, trying to take his life and dishonor the name of the LORD as they put an end to His king. David cries out to God to save him, and like a mighty warrior God acts on behalf of his servant.

The attacks of Satan are described in similar ways by Scripture and Christian hymnody (one such hymn will be mentioned in the message), "The old evil foe now means deadly woe", "Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion", "the flaming darts of the evil one". James is very cautious of the attacks that Satan will throw at his hearers. He specifically mentions resisting the devil in chapter 4, but his warnings in our text from last week and tonight are also given in light of the attacks of the deceiver. Martin Luther once said that in Baptism we "hang around the child's neck such a mighty, lifelong enemy." As baptized children of God we are in opposition to Satan and he would love to take us down, but God does not leave us to fight Satan alone. He gives us weapons, chiefly the Word of the Gospel, which is a death sentence to Satan and his minions as it proclaims the victory of Jesus over death and eternal life for all who believe.

May God bless your worship this evening!

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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: Psalm 64

Hear my voice, O God, in my complaint; preserve my life from dread of the enemy. Hide me from the secret plots of the wicked, from the throng of evildoers, who whet their tongues like swords, who aim bitter words like arrows, shooting from ambush at the blameless, shooting at him suddenly and without fear. They hold fast to their evil purpose; they talk of laying snares secretly, thinking, "Who can see them?" They search out injustice, saying, "We have accomplished a diligent search." For the inward mind and heart of a man are deep. But God shoots his arrow at them; they are wounded suddenly. They are brought to ruin, with their own tongues turned against them; all who see them will wag their heads. Then all mankind fears; they tell what God has brought about and ponder what he has done.

Let the righteous one rejoice in the Lord and take refuge in him!

Let all the upright in heart exult! Let your glory be over all the earth!

Reading: James 1:19-27

Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.

If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

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: Merciful God, we humbly implore You to cast the bright beams
 of Your light upon Your Church that we, being instructed by the
 doctrine of the blessed apostles, may walk in the light of Your

truth and finally attain to the light of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God, You have called Your Church to witness that in Christ You have reconciled us to Yourself. Grant that by Your Holy Spirit we may proclaim the good news of Your salvation so that all who hear it may receive the gift of salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, before whom all in heaven and earth shall bow, grant courage that Your children may confess Your saving name in the face of any opposition from a world hostile to the Gospel. Help them to remember Your faithful people who sacrificed much and even faced death rather than dishonor You when called upon to deny the faith. By Your Spirit, strengthen them to be faithful and to confess You boldly, knowing that You will confess Your own before the Father in heaven, with whom You and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Gracious Lord, we give You thanks for the day, especially for the good we were permitted to give and to receive. The day is now past, and we commit it to You. We entrust to You the night and rest in Your peace, for You are our help, and You neither slumber nor sleep. Hear us for the sake of Your name.

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.