

Zion Lutheran Church



Thirteenth Sunday After
Pentecost
August 14th 2016

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by Nancy, Andrew & Rachel Klemash in Honor of Paul's birthday and Bernice DeBoe in Memory of sisters Naomi and Bette's birthdays.
- **ETERNAL LIGHT** is given by Judith Dames in Memory of Loved ones
- **ADULT CHOIR ATTENTION! DATE CHANGE!** Our 1st Adult Choir rehearsal will be on Tuesday August 23rd not August 16th. Rehearsal will start at 7:00 in the sanctuary. There are sign- up sheets in the back of the church for anyone interested in participating in the Adult Choir/Men's Choir/Children's Choir.
- **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 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! Stop by the table in the foyer after the service and we'll try to help.
- **THANKS** to all those who presented and attended our Genesis Seminar III! We hoped that your time at the seminar was a blessing and an encouragement in your Christ-centered faith. And don't forget, there is **ONE MORE SESSION** this afternoon at 2:00pm!
- **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.)
- **DR. STEINMANN** (presenter at the Genesis Seminar and Professor at Concordia Chicago) is going to be teaching our Adult Bible Class this morning, starting at 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall/ Basement/ Undercroft. Hope you can make it!
- **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!

Four. I've got four more sermons to preach on Sunday mornings here at Zion. Vicar Joshua and I are going to take turns preaching from here until the Vacancy begins, and so I only have four more Sunday sermons to go. Four sermons. Enough for a short sermon-series or theme.

For the last six years, I've been blessed to be here at Zion, where, among other things, you value the time your Pastor spends in his study, reading and learning how to become a better Pastor. And so, for the last four Sunday morning sermons, I want to share with you the Top Four Things I Learned While Being Your Pastor.

Revelation 12 is our focus today, where we will study together something I learned from the time you gave me to study at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. We will learn why a good and all-powerful God allows the devil to inflict pain and devastation on the earth. Next week, we will look at who we are as Christians from Matthew 5 and Jesus' "Sermon on the Mount." On September 11, we will look at an expression of Christian love from the second half of Acts 20. And, on September 25th, Paul's letter to the Romans will remind us what matters most.

For many people, the book of Revelation is a confusing mess of powerful images, strange utterances, and cryptic symbolism. Because of this, far-fetched theories about the meaning of the book are listened to and considered simply because of the passion of the person presenting them. But what if the meaning of the book of Revelation was simple; and what if it was staring you in the face? Today, I hope to share with you the meaning—the core teaching—of what many people consider the most difficult book in the Bible to understand.

Four more sermons. I wish there was more time to share with you all that I have been blessed to learn in my time here. You've taught me a lot, both as individuals and as a congregation. For that I am grateful and hope that, in giving back some of what you have given to me, you will be equally blessed.

--Pastor Duncan

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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: The Church's One 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, we come before you this morning to confess your faithfulness and our sinfulness. We have made a mess of our lives; we have brought shame to you by claiming you as our Savior, but rebelling against you as our Lord. Forgive us. Strengthen our faith and lead us to obey you all the days of our lives. 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 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 Dylan Leskovic

(10:30am Service)

The Service of the Word

Old Testament Reading: Job 1

There was a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job, and that man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil. There were born to him seven sons and three daughters. He possessed 7,000 sheep, 3,000 camels, 500 yoke of oxen, and 500 female donkeys, and very many servants, so that this man was the greatest of all the people of the east. His sons used to go and hold a feast in the house of each one on his day, and they would send and invite their three sisters to eat and drink with them. And when the days of the feast had run their course, Job would send and consecrate them, and he would rise early in the morning and offer burnt offerings according to the number of them all. For Job said, "It may be that my children have sinned, and cursed God in their hearts." Thus Job did continually.

Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them. The Lord said to Satan, "From where have you come?" Satan answered the Lord and said, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it." And the Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, who fears God and turns away from evil?" Then Satan answered the Lord and said, "Does Job fear God for no reason? Have you not put a hedge around him and his house and all that he has, on every side? You have blessed the work

of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land. But stretch out your hand and touch all that he has, and he will curse you to your face.” And the Lord said to Satan, “Behold, all that he has is in your hand. Only against him do not stretch out your hand.” So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord.

Now there was a day when his sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother's house, and there came a messenger to Job and said, “The oxen were plowing and the donkeys feeding beside them, and the Sabeans fell upon them and took them and struck down the servants with the edge of the sword, and I alone have escaped to tell you.” While he was yet speaking, there came another and said, “The fire of God fell from heaven and burned up the sheep and the servants and consumed them, and I alone have escaped to tell you.” While he was yet speaking, there came another and said, “The Chaldeans formed three groups and made a raid on the camels and took them and struck down the servants with the edge of the sword, and I alone have escaped to tell you.” While he was yet speaking, there came another and said, “Your sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother's house, and behold, a great wind came across the wilderness and struck the four corners of the house, and it fell upon the young people, and they are dead, and I alone have escaped to tell you.”

Then Job arose and tore his robe and shaved his head and fell on the ground and worshiped. And he said, “Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return. The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.”

In all this Job did not sin or charge God with wrong.

New Testament Reading:

Revelation 12

And a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. She was pregnant and was crying out in birth pains and the agony of giving birth. And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads seven diadems. His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and cast them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she bore her child he might devour it. She gave birth to a male child, one who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron, but her child was caught up to God and to his throne, and the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, in which she is to be nourished for 1,260 days.

Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back, but he was defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, “Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death. Therefore, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!”

And when the dragon saw that he had been thrown down to the earth, he pursued the woman who had given birth to the male child. But the woman was given the two wings of the great eagle so that she might fly from the serpent into the wilderness, to the place where she is to be nourished for a time, and times, and half a time. The serpent poured water like a river out of his mouth after the woman, to sweep her away with a flood. But the earth came to the help of the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed the river that the dragon had poured from his mouth. Then the dragon became furious with the woman and went off to make war on the rest of her offspring, on those who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus. And he stood on the sand of the sea.

Pastor: In honor of our Lord Jesus Christ, we rise for the reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 4th Chapter.

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

Gospel Reading: **Matthew 4: 1-11**

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written,

"Man shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

"He will command his angels concerning you,'
and

“On their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.”

Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’” Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” Then Jesus said to him, “Be gone, Satan! For it is written,

“You shall worship the Lord your God
and him only shall you serve.”

Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

Sermon Hymn: We Walk by Faith and Not By Sight

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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

Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service 848

Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling 727

The Lamb 547

Benediction

People: Amen

The Recessional: When Peace, Like a River 763

Postlude

† *Service Participants* †

Pastor:	Rev. Duncan McLellan
Vicar:	Joshua Ulm
Music Director:	Mark Killinger
The Organist:	Sandra Quinlan
The Elders:	Michael Kroeger & Neil Ackerman
The Acolyte:	Joey Ackerman (8:00) Carly Rockovich (10:30)
The Greeters:	Pam & Jason Trentini (8:00) Jim & Marylou Neill (10:30)
The Ushers:	Carl Bauer, Gene Koop (8:00) Ron Meier & Jack Oelschlager Debbie Ford, Lois Sauro (10:30) Vince Kimberland & Bill Koester
Altar Guild:	Janet & Marian Oelschlager
Nursery:	Stephanie & Jenna Eckels

Last Week in Worship

Sunday Worship Attendance (8/7) – 178

Wednesday Attendance (8/10) – 36

Sunday Offering (8/7) – \$5,395.00

Online Offering (8/1-8/5) - \$1,190.00

Hand bell Contribution – \$10.00

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

Week of August 14th – August 21st

SUNDAY 8/14 FOOD BANK COLLECTION	8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion 9:15 AM –Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM – Worship w/Communion & Children’s Church 2:00 PM – Genesis Seminar
MONDAY 8/15	
TUESDAY 8/16	
WEDNESDAY 8/17	7:00 PM – Service of Prayer & Preaching & Small Group Bible Study
THURSDAY 8/18	10:00 AM – Bible Study
FRIDAY 8/19	
SATURDAY 8/20	8:00 AM – Men’s Bible Breakfast
SUNDAY 8/21	8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion 9:15 AM –Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM – Worship w/Communion

Job Opportunity!



Pre-School Position

The Pre-School 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. This is a great opportunity for church stewardship if you are willing to donate your time for some of these days. Otherwise, if you know of anyone interested, please contact Kim Anderson kmcpPhillips1@comcast.net or Tracey Harris tharrissyd@comcast.net for additional details on specific duties, requirements and compensation.