

Zion Lutheran Church



Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

August 7th 2016

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by Jack & Jacque Oelschlager in Honor of their 55th Wedding Anniversary and Peter & Barbara Fisher in Honor of their Wedding Anniversary.
- **ETERNAL LIGHT** is given by Brad & Jessica Boyle in Memory of Brad's father, Jerome Boyle.
- **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!

Last week was a bit of a whirlwind here at Zion. I'm sure all sorts of things were running through your mind as Pastor Duncan announced that he accepted the call to Iowa. Even as you rejoice in the work God will do through the McLellan family at St. Paul's in Ankeny, you can't help but feel loss because of how much they mean to you as friends, examples, and Christian family.

In some ways that are very minor in the grand scheme of God's plan for his church, things are going to change at the end of September. John Gielarowski will address the congregation after worship as a first step in this process. As the body of Christ in this place, I am confident that Zion will rise to the occasion.

But as you worship this morning, you will also hopefully notice that nothing has changed. God's Word will still be proclaimed with the good news that Christ has died for your sins and conquered death in his resurrection. We will still confess our sin and wretchedness and we will still hear the radical message that Christ has taken that wretchedness upon himself and even today forgives you all your sins. We will still share the peace of Christ with one another as reconciled brothers and sisters. Things are going to change, but God's Word will endure forever and will continue to our great heritage here at Zion.

May God bless you as you receive his gifts and praise him!

-Vicar Joshua

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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: Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng

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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)

The Service of the Word

Old Testament Reading:

2 Chronicles 20:1-13

After this the Moabites and Ammonites, and with them some of the Meunites, came against Jehoshaphat for battle. Some men came and told Jehoshaphat, "A great multitude is coming against you from Edom, from beyond the sea; and, behold, they are in Hazazon-tamar" (that is, Engedi). Then Jehoshaphat was afraid and set his face to seek the Lord, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah. And Judah assembled to seek help from the Lord; from all the cities of Judah they came to seek the Lord. And Jehoshaphat stood in the assembly of Judah and Jerusalem, in the house of the Lord, before the new court, and said, "O Lord, God of our fathers, are you not God in heaven? You rule over all the kingdoms of the nations. In your hand are power and might, so that none is able to withstand you. Did you not, our God, drive out the inhabitants of this land before your people Israel, and give it forever to the descendants of Abraham your friend? And they have lived in it and have built for you in it a sanctuary for your name, saying, 'If disaster comes upon us, the sword, judgment, or pestilence, or famine, we will stand before this house and before you—for your name is in this house—and cry out to you in our affliction, and you will hear and save.' And now behold, the men of Ammon and Moab and Mount Seir, whom you would not let Israel invade when they came from the land of Egypt, and whom they avoided and did not destroy— behold, they reward us by coming to drive us out of your possession, which you have given us to inherit. O our God, will you not execute judgment on them? For we are

powerless against this great horde that is coming against us. We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you.”

Meanwhile all Judah stood before the Lord, with their little ones, their wives, and their children.

Psalm of the Day:

Psalm 67

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, *Selah*

that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. *Selah*

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us.

God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear him!

Pastor: In honor of our Lord Jesus Christ, we rise for the reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 14th Chapter.

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

Gospel Reading:

Mark 14: 32-42

And they went to a place called Gethsemane. And he said to his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.” And he took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be greatly distressed and troubled. And he said to them, “My soul is very sorrowful, even to death. Remain here and watch.” And going a little farther, he fell on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. And he said, “Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Remove this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will.” And he came and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, “Simon, are you asleep? Could you not watch one hour? Watch and pray that you may not

enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy, and they did not know what to answer him. And he came the third time and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? It is enough; the hour has come. The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

(Please be seated)

Sermon Hymn: Creation Hymn

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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 of All Hopefulness 738

On Eagles' Wings 727

O Jesus, King Most Wonderful 554

Benediction

People: Amen

The Recessional: God of Grace and God of Glory 850

Postlude

† *Service Participants* †

Pastor:	Rev. Duncan McLellan
Vicar:	Joshua Ulm
Music Director:	Mark Killinger
The Organist:	Sandra Quinlan
The Pianist:	Doug Krantz
The Elders:	Michael Kroeger & Neil Ackerman
The Acolyte:	Ava Pasquini (8:00) Augie Bishop (10:30)
The Greeters:	Wayne & Kathleen Conn (8:00) Michael & Linda Kroeger (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:	Susie Bishop & Jessica Boyle

Last Week in Worship

Sunday Worship Attendance (7/31) – 183

Wednesday Attendance (8/3) – 30

Sunday Offering (7/31) – \$3,529.00

Online Offering (7/25-7/29) - \$545.00

Hand bell Contribution – \$50.00

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

Week of August 7th - August 14th

SUNDAY 8/7	8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion 9:15 AM –Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM – Worship w/Communion & Children’s Church 11:45 AM – Board of Education Meeting
MONDAY 8/8	
TUESDAY 8/9	
WEDNESDAY 8/10	7:00 PM – Service of Prayer & Preaching & Small Group Bible Study
THURSDAY 8/11	10:00 AM – Bible Study 7:30 PM – Church Council Meeting
FRIDAY 8/12	7:00 PM - Genesis Seminar
SATURDAY 8/13	9:30 AM - Genesis Seminar
SUNDAY 8/14 Food Bank Collection	8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion 9:15 AM –Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM – Worship w/Communion 2:00 PM - Genesis Seminar



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.

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.