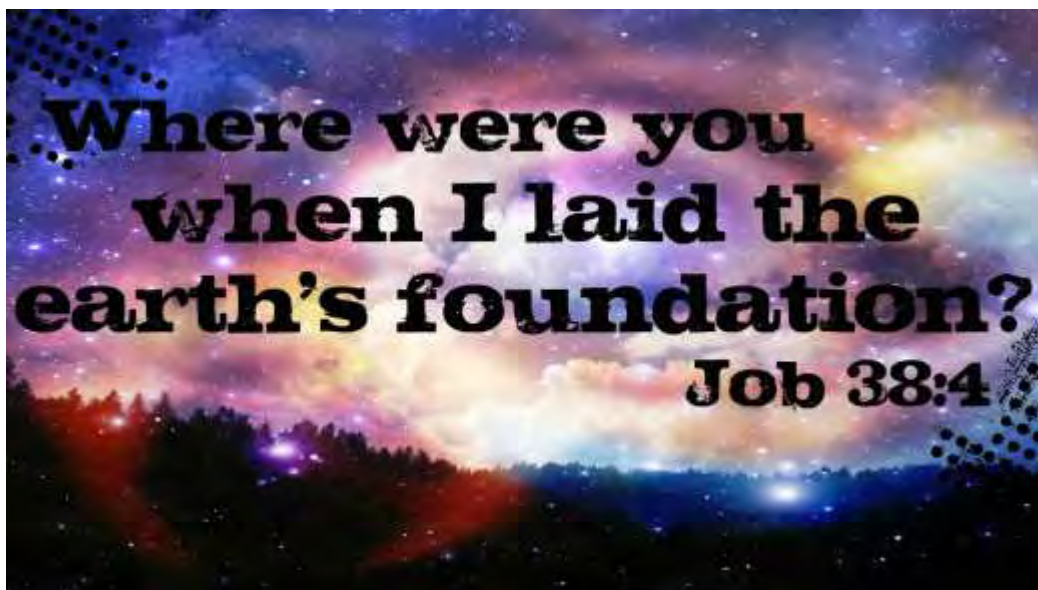


# Zion Lutheran Church



Sixteenth Sunday After  
Pentecost  
September 4<sup>th</sup> 2016

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given Brad & Jessica Boyle in Memory of Brad's Father, Jerome Boyle.
- **ETERNAL LIGHT** is given by Lois Sauro to the Glory of God.
- **THANK YOU** to everyone who came out to 2.10.66 Friday and Saturday! I hope your faith was uplifted and your knowledge of Scripture strengthened.
- **CHILDREN'S CHOIR** is back starting TODAY September 4<sup>th</sup>! 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!
- **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 30<sup>th</sup> 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.
- **FAREWELL VIDEO.** If you would like to make a short video for Pastors farewell party meet Brent in the conference room between services...today is the last day for this!
- **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.
- **PRAYER OUTSIDE PLANNED PARENTHOOD** Forty Days for life is holding a peaceful 40 day vigil outside the abortion clinic in the city, asking our all powerful God to lift up his hand and put an end to abortion and providing silent witness. They are looking for 120 churches to cover 4 hour slots. If we get 16 people that is 4-1 hour shifts. Sounds like something Zion can do! Contact Vicar Joshua for more information.
- **BIBLE STUDY** on the book of Psalms will start on September 28<sup>th</sup> after the service of Prayer and Preaching. Please sign up in the Narthex if you plan on attending the Bible Study so we can make sure we have books for everyone!
- **MINISTRY FAIR!** Come and see all that we've got going on at Zion at our First Annual Ministry Fair next Sunday, starting at 9:00. Weather permitting we will be in the traffic circle out front of the church; weather not permitting, we'll see you in the Fellowship Hall. There will be plenty of freebies and a hot breakfast will be served.
- **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.)
- **VICAR'S CHOICE!** Starting today, our Vicar will be teaching Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall on topics of his choosing. I hear that he's an Old Testament guy, so look for something about finding Christ in the Old Testament. You won't want to miss 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](http://www.zlcb.org/sermons)

# Welcome to worship!

Do we give God the credit he is due for creation? Probably not. It has been a long time since I have prayed and thanked God for creating my lungs to keep me breathing at night or for my immune system keeping me free from disease. For me, part of the reason why I don't thank God as often as I should (the chief reason being that I am a sinner) is because I don't understand everything that is keeping my body going. Mr. Dennis Wert gave a fantastic presentation at the Genesis Seminar several weeks ago on the complexity of the cell and how the intricacies of the different bodies within the cell stand as evidence against evolution and for our creator God. During his presentation I was learning about processes that I had no idea existed, microscopic processes that are sustaining my body even as I type this sentence.

Even scientists who understand the cell still are unable to control it. The scourge of cancer, a malfunction in a group of cells, has taken us by storm and has had the scientific community in a search for a cure. Even with the things we think we understand like the cell, in many cases we aren't able to create, control, or cure them.

God uses many examples in his answer to Job in our text today. Job hasn't laid the foundation of the earth. He hasn't commanded the morning. He doesn't understand the size of the earth or any of its great riches. He can't possibly grasp any of the wonders of creation. So how can he question the justice of the one who created them? He can't. Job realizes his error and repents before the Lord. He can't explain the things he sees, so he will leave explanation of his suffering to God as well. But what if the "righteous sufferer" CAN explain all those things? What if he is the one by whom all things were made? We'll explore that in the sermon this morning.

May God bless you as you receive his gifts this morning!

--Vicar Joshua

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**ZION EQUIPS, EDUCATES, AND ENCOURAGES BELIEVERS IN CHRIST, SENDING THEM INTO THE WORLD TO SHARE THE GOSPEL.**

Zion Lutheran Church 3197 Washington Pike Bridgeville, PA 15017

# 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: Come, Thou Almighty King*

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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 and Absolution*

**Pastor:** Before we listen to God's Word, call upon him with our prayers and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess our sins to God, trusting in his mercy for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**People: Almighty God, merciful father, we confess to you that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have intentionally and unintentionally disobeyed you, brought shame to your name and failed to live up to our high and holy calling as your sons and daughters. For the sake of Christ, forgive us. Restore to us the joy of our salvation and give us a willing spirit to sustain us in the faith you have given. Amen.**

## *Absolution Spoken by the Pastor*

*Hymn of Praise: In Thee Is Gladness*

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In Thee is gladness amid all sadness, Jesus, sunshine of my heart.  
By Thee are given the gifts of heaven, Thou the true Redeemer art.  
Our souls Thou wakest, our bonds Thou breakest;  
Who trusts Thee surely has built securely; He stands forever: Alleluia!  
Our hearts are pining to see Thy shining,

Dying or living to Thee are cleaving; naught can us sever: Alleluia.

Since He is ours, we fear no powers, not of earth nor sin nor death.  
He sees and blesses in worst distresses; He can change them with a breath.  
Wherefore the story tell of His glory  
With hearts and voices; all heaven rejoices in Him forever: Alleluia!  
We shout for gladness, triumph over sadness,  
Love Him and praise Him and still shall raise Him glad hymns forever: Alleluia!

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

(Please be seated)

## **The Service of the Word**

### **Old Testament Reading: Job 38: 1-18**

Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind and said:  
“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?  
Dress for action like a man; I will question you, and you make it known to me.  
“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone, when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy? “Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb, when I made clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band, and prescribed limits for it and set bars and doors, and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stayed’?  
“Have you commanded the morning since your days began, and caused the dawn to know its place, that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth, and the wicked be shaken out of it? It is changed like clay under the seal, and its features stand out like a garment. From the wicked their light is withheld, and their uplifted arm is broken.

“Have you entered into the springs of the sea, or walked in the recesses of the deep? Have the gates of death been revealed to you, or have you seen the gates of deep darkness? Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth? Declare, if you know all this.

**Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 8:1-6**

Now concerning food offered to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” This “knowledge” puffs up, but love builds up. If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. But if anyone loves God, he is known by God.

Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “an idol has no real existence,” and that “there is no God but one.” For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”—yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

**Pastor:** In honor of our Lord Jesus Christ, we rise for the reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 23<sup>rd</sup> Chapter.

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

**Gospel Reading: Luke 23: 44-49**

It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!” And having said this he breathed his last. Now when the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God, saying, “Certainly this man was innocent!” And all the crowds

that had assembled for this spectacle, when they saw what had taken place, returned home beating their breasts. And all his acquaintances and the women who had followed him from Galilee stood at a distance watching these things.

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

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

(Please be seated)

***Sermon Hymn: All Hail the Power of Jesus Name***

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***Sermon***

(Please stand)

***The Nicene Creed***

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth  
and in all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,

God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made;

who, for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven

and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures

and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,

and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

(Please be seated)

## ***Offertory – Adult Choir – Lamb of God***

***(10:30)***

### ***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>The King of Love My Shepherd Is</i>	709
<i>We Give Thee But Thine Own</i>	781
<i>Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart</i>	806

### ***Benediction***

**People:        Amen**

<b><i>The Recessional: Christ the Eternal Lord</i></b>	829
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### ***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:	Josiah Ackerman (8:00) Anna Gresh (10:30)
The Greeters:	Bill & Carol Schrag (8:00) Darren, Jennifer & Adam Elikier (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:	Barb Oechslein, Diana Schmidt & Megan Pasquini
Nursery:	Megan Meyer & Lara Luedman

## **Last Week in Worship**

Sunday Worship Attendance (8/28) –220

Wednesday Attendance (8/31) – 17

Sunday Offering (8/28) – \$3,073.00

Online Offering (8/22-8/26) - \$550.00

Hand bell Contribution – \$100.00

~Online giving is now available by going to the Zion web site: [www.zlcb.org](http://www.zlcb.org)~

# Week of Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> – Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>

<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>9/4</b>	8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion 9:15 AM –Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM – Worship w/Communion 11:45 AM – Children’s Choir Practice
<b>MONDAY</b> <b>9/5</b>	7:00 PM – Trustees Meeting
<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>9/6</b>	7:00 PM – Choir Practice
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>9/7</b>	7:00 PM – Service of Prayer & Preaching & Small Group Bible Study
<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>9/8</b>	10:00 AM – Bible Study 7:30 PM – Council Meeting
<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>9/9</b>	
<b>SATURDAY</b> <b>9/10</b>	8:00 AM – Men’s Bible Breakfast 10:00 AM – Men’s Choir Practice 6:00 PM – Middle School Youth Event
<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>9/11</b>  <b>FOOD BANK COLLECTION</b>	8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion 9:00 AM –Branch Out Ministry Fair 9:15 AM – Sunday School 10:30 AM – Worship w/Communion 11:45 AM – Children’s Choir Practice 11:45 AM – Stephen Ministry Meeting 4:00 PM – High School Youth Event

UPCOMING MIDDLE SCHOOL  
YOUTH EVENT



**When?** Saturday, September 10

**Time?** 6-9:00pm

**Who?** Anyone in middle school

**Where?** Soccer fields next to Zion Lutheran Church

**Address?** 3197 Washington Pike, Bridgeville, PA 15017

**Food?** Pizza will be provided for all middle school kids

**CHILD CARE:**

We will provide child care for siblings of all ages!

Due to limited child care, an RSVP is required.

Please contact Joe Faini

**CONTACT INFO:**

Joe Faini

681-945-5655

[joe@zlcb.org](mailto:joe@zlcb.org)

# UPCOMING HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH EVENT



**High-  
School**

↻  
**SEPT  
11**  
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**Faini  
House  
Hangout**

<b>Who?</b>	Anyone in High School
<b>When?</b>	Sunday, Sept. 11
<b>Where?</b>	Faini House
<b>Why?</b>	B/c there is food
<b>Time?</b>	4-6pm

Come hang out with Lindsey and I. No agenda, just hanging out at our house making food :)

Address:  
650 Patterson Ave  
Bridgeville, PA 15017