

Zion Lutheran Church



*Eighteenth Sunday
After Pentecost
September 18th 2016*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by Bernice DeBoe in Honor of Rob & Denise DeBoe's 31st Wedding Anniversary.
- **ETERNAL LIGHT** is given by Bernice DeBoe in Memory of her brother Wallace Rybarski.
- **CHILDREN'S CHOIR.** 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 30th to benefit the hand bell choir. Stay tuned for more details about this event next month!
- **LAST CALL FOR TICKETS** to Pastor Duncan and Family's farewell dinner. Tickets are \$25 per person for dinner. Join us at the Southpointe Hilton Garden Inn @ Southpointe at 7:00pm on Friday September 23rd! Contact the church office with any questions – secretary@zlc.org
- **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.
- **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.
- **WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY** on the book of Psalms will start on September 28th 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!
- **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.)
- **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!

Dateline Thursday night, 2109 hours.

That our dear Vicar has pneumonia is nothing new. He was diagnosed early in the week and like our former Secretary of State, he was able to “power through” Wednesday evening’s sermon before coming to the conclusion that he should probably take a breather on Sunday morning and let your outgoing Pastor preach one last time before his last time.

What text to preach on? Is this the Sunday when you “wing it” and see what happens? Is this the Sunday when you mistake failing-to-prepare with preach-from-the-heart? No. Not this time. Instead, I want to preach on one of my favorite texts from one of my favorite books, Matthew 7:21-29, the last passage from the Sermon on the Mount. But we are going to do more than preach on these nine verses; we are going to take a trip through the Sermon on the Mount together. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus outlines what life is like for someone who is given the mantle of discipleship.

There are different opinions about what it means to be a Christian in today’s increasingly complex world. The New Testament Epistles are full of instructions for Christian living. Jesus himself is not shy about the challenges and expectations of discipleship. But here in the Sermon on the Mount we have, arguably, the original blueprint for the total life of those who would align themselves with Jesus. So buckle up, we’ve got a lot to cover this morning as we look at the life of discipleship from the Sermon on the Mount!

-Pastor Duncan

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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: Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

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The Invocation

Vicar: 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

First Reading:

Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?
My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.
He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.
Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.
The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade on your right hand.
The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.
The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.
The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and
forevermore.

Second Reading:

1 Peter 4:12-19

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you
to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But
rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and
be glad when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted for the name of Christ,
you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon

you. But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? And

“If the righteous is scarcely saved,
what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?”

Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.

Pastor: In honor of our Lord Jesus Christ, we rise for the reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 7th Chapter.

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

Gospel Reading: **Matthew 7:21-29**

“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’

“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.”

And when Jesus finished these sayings, the crowds were astonished at his teaching, for he was teaching them as one who had authority, and not as their scribes.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

(Please be seated)

Sermon Hymn: Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure

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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 together 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 – Men’s Choir – Come Thou Fount (8:00 am)
Reverence (10:30 am)

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

Built on the Rock 645

Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise 680

What Is This Bread 629

Benediction

People: Amen

The Recessional: When Morning Gilds the Skies 807

Postlude

† *Service Participants* †

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| Pastor: | Rev. Duncan McLellan |
| Vicar: | Joshua Ulm |
| Music Director: | Mark Killinger |
| The Organist: | Sandra Quinlan |
| The Pianist: | Doug Krantz |
| The Elders: | Robb Oelschlager & Neil Ackerman |
| The Acolyte: | Ava Pasquini (8:00) Lara Luedeman (10:30) |
| The Greeters: | Shane & Sandy Bryant (8:00) Robb & Alaina Oelschlager (10:30) |
| The Ushers: | Kathleen Conn, Brian Pasquini (8:00) Janet & Larry Zreliak Ross Chilcott, Dan Harris (10:30) Chuck LaJeunesse & Rich Quinlan |
| Altar Guild: | Barb Oechslein, Diana Schmidt & Megan Pasquini |
| Nursery: | Alissa McLellan & Jessica Boyle |

Last Week in Worship

Sunday Worship Attendance (9/11) –232

Wednesday Attendance (9/14) – 21

Sunday Offering (9/11) – \$4,669.00

Online Offering (9/5-9/9) - \$780.00

Hand bell Contribution – \$50.00

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

Week of Sept. 18th – Sept. 25th

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| SUNDAY 9/18 | 8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion 9:15 AM – Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM – Worship w/Communion 11:45 AM – Children’s Choir Practice |
| MONDAY 9/19 | 7:00 PM - Confirmation |
| TUESDAY 9/20 | 7:00 PM – Choir Practice |
| WEDNESDAY 9/21 | 7:00 PM – Service of Prayer & Preaching & Small Group Bible Study |
| THURSDAY 9/22 | 10:00 AM – Bible Study |
| FRIDAY 9/23 | 7:00 PM – Farewell Dinner for Pastor @ Southpointe Hilton Garden Inn |
| SATURDAY 9/24 | 8:00 AM – Men’s Bible Breakfast 10:00 AM – Men’s Choir Practice |
| SUNDAY 9/25 | 8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion 9:15 AM – Adult Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30 AM – Worship w/Communion 11:45 AM – Children’s Choir Practice 11:45 AM – Event’s Committee Meeting |



Upcoming Music Concert Event!

Everyone is invited to attend a Concert to Celebrate the 499th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation.

- *A Concert to Celebrate the 499th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation*
- *Sunday, October 30, 2016, 2:00 pm*
- *Zion Lutheran Church*
3197 Washington Pike
Bridgeville, PA 15017
- *Refreshments immediately following in the undercroft*
- *A freewill offering will be taken to benefit the Zion Handbell Fund*

Assistant Organist Doug Krantz, Alto Mary Ulm, Pianist Shelley Killinger, as well as the adult and children's choirs under the direction of Mark Killinger, will perform a concert of joyful sacred music to celebrate the event. Mr. Krantz will also perform selections on the piano, accordion, and pennywhistle.



CHILD CARE PROVIDED:

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:

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- When?**  Oct. 1
- Where?**  Soccer Fields Next to Zion Lutheran Church
- Address?**  3197 Washington Pike
- Who?**  Anyone in 6-8 Grade
- Time?**  6-9pm
- Food?**  Pizza!

Our Preschool Wish List

Looking for a way to help our school
but don't know how...

Simply take a crayon with a “wish list”
item, purchase the item and drop it off
at the school or give to Tracey Harris.

The Wish List is in the back of
church...check it out on your way out
and make a wish come true!!

