

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



SERVICE OF PRAYER AND
PREACHING
SEPTEMBER 21ST 2016



ANNOUNCEMENTS

PSALMS STUDY We are starting a NEW Lighthouse Bible Study on the Book of Psalms! It is a great chance to grow together, learn about prayer, and hear the mercy God has shown to us in Jesus in new ways! Sign up in the Narthex and pick up your study books next week!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING October 1st from 6-9pm? Whatever it is, it's probably not nearly as fun as what the youth are doing. What are the youth doing, you may ask. So glad you asked. WHIFFLE BALL. Middle schoolers, this is for you. Moms and dads with middle schoolers and other kids, we can take your younger kids too (we have childcare) so you can enjoy a nice, peaceful, relaxing evening together.

SOUTH FAYETTE CHILLI COOKOFF. Tickets are available. You should go. It's big dumb fun for the whole family. We have an entry in the competition, so come out and vote for the best chili (ours of course) in the 'burgh! Contact the church office if you would like to help out!

Welcome to worship!

You've watched and listened to Pastor and I fly through the epistle of James and half of the epistle of Jude. We've covered some pretty large sections in doing so, but tonight we have 8 short verses. It takes 58 seconds to read aloud, much less to read silently, but there is much comfort in these few verses.

In these verses we have Jude's exhortation to his audience to persevere, showcasing once again that ever-present expectation that Jesus will come again, any second! We see encouragement toward brotherly love in the body of Christ, having mercy on those who doubt, grabbing each other out of the fire.

We see again the common theme of Scripture that the Christian ought to do ANYTHING to avoid sinning. Lastly, we have one of the greatest passages of praise to God in the entire Bible where God is identified by what he does for us out of grace, mercy, and love. I look forward to studying this text together this evening.

May God bless you as you hear and study His Word this evening!

-Vicar Joshua

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The Service of Prayer and Preaching

Vicar: The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at the last

People: Amen.

Vicar: It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praise to Your name, O Most High.

People: To herald Your love in the morning, Your truth at the close of the day.

Psalm 92:1

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.*

First Reading: Jude 17-25

But you must remember, beloved, the predictions of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ. They said to you, "In the last time there will be scoffers, following their own ungodly passions." It is these who cause divisions, worldly people, devoid of the Spirit. But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. And have mercy on those who doubt; save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh.

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

Second Reading: Psalm 32

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.

For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not cover my iniquity;

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Therefore let everyone who is godly
offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found;
surely in the rush of great waters,
they shall not reach him.

You are a hiding place for me;
you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;
I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding,
which must be curbed with bit and bridle,
or it will not stay near you.

Many are the sorrows of the wicked,
but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the Lord.

Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous,
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

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

Vicar: In peace let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Vicar: For the gift of divine peace and pardon, with all our heart and
with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Vicar: For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout
the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the
calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Vicar: For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the
common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Vicar: For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let
us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Vicar: For those who labor, for those whose work is dangerous or difficult, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Vicar: For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Vicar: For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Vicar: For... let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Vicar: Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Vicar: 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

Vicar: 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.