

# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



SERVICE OF PRAYER AND  
PREACHING  
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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**TRUNK OR TREAT** Calling all ADULTS and CHILDREN! Saturday October 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 we will be having our first “Trunk or Treat”. What is a Trunk or Treat? Adults decorate their trunks and pass out candy to the kids and the kids dress up in costumes and walk from trunk to trunk to get the candy. Safe fun for the whole family! Cider and donuts will be provided!

**WHAT ARE YOU DOING** October 1<sup>st</sup> 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!

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Tonight we have an exciting chance to take a look at a unique book of the Bible. The Book of Psalms covers an incredibly wide range of subjects and topics. The Psalms speak to us and for us, functioning as God's Word to us but also as our words to God as we pray.

Here is what some Christians in the past have said about the book of Psalms: Dietrich Bonhoeffer and others have called the Psalms the "prayer book of the Bible", noting the many situations of the author and how we can learn about speaking to God from the author's prayers. Martin Luther called the book of Psalms "the Bible in miniature". In the Psalms we learn of God's incredible wrath, his tremendous mercy, and his overwhelming grace. The Psalms tell us about creation and redemption and include passages about the Exodus, Joshua, and other events and figures from the Bible. Finally, Athanasius said "All the books of Scripture, both Old Testament and New, are inspired by God and useful for instruction, as it is written; but to those who really study it the Psalter yields especial treasure." Tonight we will discuss the many different "types" of Psalms, how the Psalms function as the Word of God to us and words from us to God, and what we can learn about prayer from them. May God bless you as you hear and study his Word.

-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: Matthew 22:34-46**

But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, saying, "What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David, in the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying,

"The Lord said to my Lord,

"Sit at my right hand,

until I put your enemies under your feet"?"

If then David calls him Lord, how is he his son?" And no one was able to answer him a word, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

## **Second Reading: Psalm 1 Read Responsively**

V: Blessed is the man  
who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,

C: nor stands in the way of sinners,  
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

V: but his delight is in the law of the Lord,  
and on his law he meditates day and night.

C: He is like a tree  
planted by streams of water

V: that yields its fruit in its season,  
and its leaf does not wither.

C: In all that he does, he prospers.

V: The wicked are not so,  
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

C: Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,  
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

V: for the Lord knows the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked will perish.

## ***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.