

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



SERVICE OF PRAYER AND
PREACHING
OCTOBER 12TH 2016



ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRUNK OR TREAT Calling all ADULTS and CHILDREN! Saturday October 29th 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!

VOTER’S MEETING: A meeting of the Voters' Assembly will be held starting at 9:30 am on Sunday October 30th. The main item of business is approving the 2017 slate of officers for Zion Lutheran Bridgeville. Please plan to attend this important meeting between services on the 30th.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY RETURNS...honoring our friendship with Alissa, we will continue to "seamlessly" gather and study God's Word together. NEW STUDY is SEAMLESS (Understanding the Bible as One Complete Story) by Angie Smith. DATES: 6 THURSDAY nights (October 13th-November 17th), 7:15-8:45 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Childcare provided; dessert/refreshment served. Let's gather for great nourishment for mind, body, and soul! Please sign up in the narthex or contact Linda Kroeger, linda.w.kroeger@gmail.com or 281-684-9895. See you there!

Welcome to worship!

*This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.*

Maybe you've heard these words from the hymn "Blessed Assurance" by Fanny J Crosby. It doesn't get much play in the Lutheran Church due to some theological problems in the later verses, but odds are, you've heard it. The hymn makes a leap- a leap that the Scriptures themselves make. Jesus died and rose for the disciples. He died and rose for the whole world. He died and rose for the church. But for your purposes you can also say "He died and rose for me".

That fact is hammered home in your baptism. We don't do group baptisms. Even when more than one person is to be baptized we say "I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" and immerse/sprinkle **each individual** with water. Because Jesus is for you. And in addition to being part of the greater church you as an individual are His. Christ's story becomes your story. You can say "I died a sinners death and await a resurrection to glory", just as Christ died a sinner's death and was resurrected in a glorified body. This is a blessed assurance and you take it with you wherever you go. In our sermon tonight we will see one of David's "personal testimonies", as he tells us what God has done in his life and we rejoice at what he is doing in ours. May God richly bless your worship!

-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: 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: Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints,
and give thanks to his holy name *Psalm 30:4*

People: Gracious God, we give you thanks for your great glory.

Vicar: Oh, how abundant is your goodness,
which you have stored up for those who fear you
and worked for those who take refuge in you,
in the sight of the children of mankind! *Psalm 31:9*

People: We thank you for your work on behalf of your people

Vicar: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being. *Psalm 104:33*

People: Accept our praise and thanksgiving, O God of our salvation

Vicar: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered. *Psalm 32:1*

People: Thank you for covering our sins with the blood of Jesus

Vicar: Teach me your way, O Lord,
that I may walk in your truth;
unite my heart to fear your name. *Psalm 86:11*

People: Instruct us with your Word, o God.

Vicar: Rise up; come to our help!
Redeem us for the sake of your steadfast love! *Psalm 44:26*

People: When trouble comes, be our helper in time of need

Vicar: [The Lord] heals the brokenhearted
and binds up their wounds. *Psalm 147:3*

People: Grant healing of body and soul to those we love

Vicar: Arise, O Lord; O God, lift up your hand;
forget not the afflicted. *Psalm 10:12*

People: Come to the aid of the needy and the oppressed, o God.

Vicar: God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble *Psalm 46:1*

**People: Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea. *Psalm 46:2***

Vicar: "Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!" *Psalm 46:10*

People: **The Lord of hosts is with us;
 the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

Psalm 46:11

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.**