

Zion Lutheran Church



*Last Sunday of the
Church Year
November 20th 2016*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by Bernice DeBoe in Memory of Bob DeBoe's birthday and Lillian Dalla Piazza in Memory of Loved Ones
- **ETERNAL LIGHT** is given by Judith Dames in Memory of Loved Ones.
- **SPOTLIGHT MINISTRY**...this week WOMEN'S MINISTRY is in the spotlight in the rear corner of the Sanctuary. Check it out and enjoy a treat!
- **2016 CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM:** "*S is for Savior*" coming SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1 PM in the Sanctuary. A pizza/subs/salad/dessert lunch will be served in the Fellowship Hall immediately following second service and prior to the program. **SAVE THE DATE:** Come see and encourage our future generation of LCMS!
- **KIM & JAY ANDERSON** will be hosting a Zion Holiday Open House for all members of Zion to express their appreciation for their 10 years at Zion before they move. Date: Sunday Dec. 4th in the undercroft from 5:00pm-8:00pm; hors de oeuvres, dinner and drinks will be provided. Please stop by as time permits. To get a count for food, please sign up in the narthex by Nov.30th!
- **ADVENT SERVICES** will start on Wednesday November 30th. Join us for dinner at 6:00pm and then stay for service at 7:00pm.
- **OPEN PRESCHOOL POSITION:** The Preschool is looking for a teacher's aide on Wednesday's from 8:45-11:30am. If you are interested, please contact Tracey Harris at tharris@zlc.org, (412) 638-8735, or see her in church.
- **STEPHEN MINISTRY** is looking forward to resuming again in the fall, providing Christ-centered care for people going through hard times. Want be a Stephen Ministry or be trained as a Stephen Minister or Stephen Leader? Contact 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.
- **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.zlc.org/sermons

Welcome to worship!

Who is Jesus? Obviously you, a Christian sitting in a pew before a Christian worship service, know who Jesus is. But the way Jesus is described by many, even Christians, often focuses on only one part of who Jesus is. "Jesus loved everyone he met"- True! "Jesus told us what God's will was"- True! "Jesus died for the sins of the world"- True! Now there isn't anything wrong with enjoying a particular characteristic of Jesus, but if your description of Jesus exclusively expresses one part of who he is, you run into problems. For example, if someone always described Jesus in terms of how he told us the will of God, they would miss what Jesus did for us on the cross! Even exclusively speaking of Christ's work on the cross can backfire if you lose the proclamation of law that precedes it and the total claim Jesus makes on the lives of his followers. One possible cure for one-sided descriptions of Jesus is to read the Gospels. One at a time. The entire way through. It doesn't take terribly long, and it gives you everything the Gospel author wanted you to know in one sitting. Matthew wanted his hearers to know that Jesus died on the cross. He wanted them to know of his glorious resurrection from the dead. And he also wanted them (and us) to hear Jesus' teaching, parables, miraculous deeds, and yes- even His words of law. We'll look at some of the harsher words of Jesus today, even as we focus on what Jesus has done for you on the cross.

May God bless your hearing of His Word today!

-Vicar Joshua

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

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The Service of the Word

(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: Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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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

Vicar: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Vicar: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Declaration of Grace by the Vicar

Hymn of Praise- We Praise You and Acknowledge You- LSB 941

Kyrie-LSB 152

V In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

V For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

V For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

V For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

V Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

V The Lord be with you

C And also with you

V Let us pray. Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in time of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant Your church Your saving peace. through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

The Sharing of the Peace

V The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Old Testament Reading:

Ezekiel 13:1-16

The word of the Lord came to me: "Son of man, prophesy against the prophets of Israel, who are prophesying, and say to those who prophesy from their own hearts: 'Hear the word of the Lord!' Thus says the Lord God, Woe to the foolish prophets who follow their own spirit, and have seen

nothing! Your prophets have been like jackals among ruins, O Israel. You have not gone up into the breaches, or built up a wall for the house of Israel, that it might stand in battle in the day of the Lord. They have seen false visions and lying divinations. They say, 'Declares the Lord,' when the Lord has not sent them, and yet they expect him to fulfill their word. Have you not seen a false vision and uttered a lying divination, whenever you have said, 'Declares the Lord,' although I have not spoken?"

Therefore thus says the Lord God: "Because you have uttered falsehood and seen lying visions, therefore behold, I am against you, declares the Lord God. My hand will be against the prophets who see false visions and who give lying divinations. They shall not be in the council of my people, nor be enrolled in the register of the house of Israel, nor shall they enter the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord God. Precisely because they have misled my people, saying, 'Peace,' when there is no peace, and because, when the people build a wall, these prophets smear it with whitewash, say to those who smear it with whitewash that it shall fall! There will be a deluge of rain, and you, O great hailstones, will fall, and a stormy wind break out. And when the wall falls, will it not be said to you, 'Where is the coating with which you smeared it?' Therefore thus says the Lord God: I will make a stormy wind break out in my wrath, and there shall be a deluge of rain in my anger, and great hailstones in wrath to make a full end. And I will break down the wall that you have smeared with whitewash, and bring it down to the ground, so that its foundation will be laid bare. When it falls, you shall perish in the midst of it, and you shall know that I am the Lord. Thus will I spend my wrath upon the wall and upon those who have smeared it with whitewash, and I will say to you, The wall is no more, nor those who smeared it, the prophets of Israel who prophesied

concerning Jerusalem and saw visions of peace for her, when there was no peace, declares the Lord God.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God**

Hymn: Adult Choir

New Testament Reading: James 1:19-27

Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.

If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God**

Alleluia and Verse (please stand)

Alleluia

Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia

Vicar: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 7th Chapter.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 7:15-29

“Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thorn bushes, or figs from thistles? So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus you will recognize them by their fruits.

“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.

Vicar: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

Children's Message

Sermon Hymn: O God, Forsake Me Not

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Sermon

(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 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.

Offertory - Thanksgiving Medley (Adult Choir 10:30 am)

Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

V Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C **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.**

Benedicamus

V: Let us bless the Lord

C Thanks be to God

Benediction

V The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

C **Amen.**

The Recessional: How Great Thou Art

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Postlude

† *Service Participants* †

Vicar:	Joshua Ulm
Music Director:	Mark Killinger
The Organist:	Sandra Quinlan
The Elders:	James Neill & Mike Sterba
The Acolyte:	Joey Ackerman (8:00) Lara Luedeman (10:30)
The Greeters:	Gene & Sharon Koop (8:00) Chuck & Debbie LaJeunesse (10:30)
The Ushers:	Debbie Ford, Dale Miller (8:00) Barb & Wayne Oechslein Vince Kimberland, Bill Koester (10:30) Mike Wallace & Chuck LaJeunesse
Altar Guild:	Kathleen Conn & Mary Hutula
Nursery:	Jessica Boyle & Sydney Janusey

Last Week in Worship

Sunday Worship Attendance (11/13) – 197

Wednesday Attendance (11/16) – 26

Sunday Offering (11/13) – \$7,664.33

Online Offering (11/7-11/11) - \$1,040.00

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

Week of Nov. 20th - Nov. 23rd

SUNDAY 11/20	8:00 AM – Worship 9:15 AM – Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM – Worship 11:45 AM – Children’s Choir 11:45 AM – Events Committee Meeting 11:45 AM – Stephen Ministry Meeting
MONDAY 11/21	7:00 PM - Confirmation
TUESDAY 11/22	7:00 PM – Choir Practice
WEDNESDAY 11/23	7:00 PM – Thanksgiving Eve Service
THURSDAY 11/24	Happy Thanksgiving!!
FRIDAY 11/25	
SATURDAY 11/26	8:00 AM – Men’s Bible Breakfast
SUNDAY 11/27	8:00 AM – Worship 9:15 AM – Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM – Worship 11:45 AM – Children’s Choir Practice

Save the date for the...

Zion Christmas Decorating Party!

SATURDAY DECEMBER 3RD 4:30PM
DINNER SERVED AT 5PM
PLEASE BRING A DESSERT TO SHARE

*Bring the whole family and help us
decorate Zion for advent and Christmas!*

**WE'LL HAVE BABYSITTING,
CRAFTS, AND ACTIVITIES
FOR ALL AGES!**

**PLEASE RSVP IN
THE NARTHEX BY
NOVEMBER 27TH**



MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH UPCOMING
EVENT

Glow IN THE Dark
DODGEBALL

DATE CHANGED

WHO? SA 8th-10th
TIME? 6-8PM
WHO? ANYONE IN MIDDLE SCHOOL
WHERE? ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
LOCATION? 3197 WASHINGTON PIKE,
BRIDGEVILLE, PA 15017
COST? \$0
FOOD? PIZZA

NOW DEC. 10th

The poster features a black background with glowing green bokeh lights. At the top, the text 'Glow IN THE Dark' is written in a stylized font, with 'Glow' in green and 'IN THE Dark' in white. Below this, 'DODGEBALL' is written in large, bold, yellow letters with a black outline. A central photograph shows a group of people playing dodgeball in a gymnasium. Below the photo, event details are listed in white text. A large, red, 3D-style text 'DATE CHANGED' is superimposed over the middle of the poster. At the bottom, 'NOW DEC. 10th' is written in large, red, 3D-style text. The bottom of the poster shows a pair of black sneakers with glowing green soles and a blue dodgeball on a wooden floor.