

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



1ST SUNDAY AFTER
EPIPHANY
JANUARY 8TH 2017

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by The Pasquini Family in Honor of Decklan's 8th Birthday and Paul & Terry Hayes in memory of Dick Wible.
- **ETERNAL LIGHT** is given by The Lemonovich Family in Honor of Luke's 10th Birthday.
- **SUNDAY SCHOOL** leaders are needed for the January Sunday school unit "Jesus is Baptized". Available stations include: Art, Cookery, Games, Science, and Spiritual Practices. A helper for the preschool group is also needed. Please email sundayschool@zlcg.org to sign up.
- **NEW YEAR...NEW INSPIRATION...** introducing a weekly sharing of a FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE from one of Zion's flock. This week's Favorite Verse is from Vicar Joshua Ulm. Psalm 32:1 (ESV) "Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered"
- **NEW TO THE SPOTLIGHT...BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES!** Start 2017 getting closer to God, the great I AM. Check the display in the back corner of the sanctuary. Contact person: Vicar Joshua.
- **HAPPY NEW YEAR... it's BACK-TO- SCHOOL** time! See you in Sunday School and Adult Bible Class on Sunday morning, Wednesday night Bible Study, Thursday morning Bible Study, Saturday morning Men's Bible Study and Breakfast, and Women's Bible Study TBD.
- **BIGGEST LOSER** starts today! Are you looking to take a few pounds off? Join us for this fun competition... Cost is \$20 with weigh-ins monthly. Competition ends Good Friday! If you lose 5% of your bodyweight you win your money back. Prizes will be awarded for top 3 losers! Contact Vicar if you want to sign up and join in the fun.
- **ALTAR FLOWERS / ETERNAL LIGHT** dates are still available for 2017. Please see the sign up sheets in the back of the church.
- **VICAR'S BOOK OF THE MONTH** for January is Robert Kolb's "The Christian Faith" You can check it out of the Zion Library!!
- **PRAYER & PREACHING** begins Jan. 11th with a new format. We will be having a Bible Study and a time of Prayer together rather than a service with a sermon. We hope to see you Wednesday's at 7:00pm.
- **SEAMLESS BIBLE STUDY** for Teen girls – 7th grade & up starting Sunday Jan. 8th @ 11:45 am. Sign up sheet is in the narthex or email Katie Gielarowski – sundayschool@zlcg.org
- **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.zlcg.org/sermons

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: Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning 400

The Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Baptism of Louis & Luciana Hetzer (10:30am)(LSB 268)

Confession of Sins

Pastor: 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.

Pastor: 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.

Absolution Spoken by the Pastor

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of

Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen

Kyrie

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.

Hymn of Praise

P Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

C Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: We Worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

V The Lord be with you

C And also with you

V O Lord, almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may live and abide forever in Your

Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

Old Testament Reading:

Isaiah 42:1-9

Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law. Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it: "I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols. Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God**

New Testament Reading:

Romans 6:1-11

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized

into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 3rd Chapter.

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

Gospel Reading: **Matthew 3:13-17**

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when

Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

(Please be seated)

Sermon Hymn: Within the Father's House

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Sermon

Installation of Officers

Vicar: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Vicar: **Let us Pray**

Prayer of the Church

Please Stand

Offertory

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

Preface

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for at His Baptism Your voice from heaven revealed Him as Your beloved Son, and the Holy Spirit descended on Him, confirming Him to be the Christ. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

People: (singing) Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

The Lord's Prayer

P 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.**

The Words of Our Lord

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini (The Peace of the Lord)

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C **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

<i>I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table</i>	618
<i>Hear Us, Father, When We Pray</i>	773
<i>Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying</i>	826

(Please stand)

Post Communion Canticle (sung)

Thank the Lord and sing his praise, tell everyone what he has done.

Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.

He recalls his promises and leads His people forth in joy

With shouts of thanksgiving Alleluia! Alleluia!

Post Communion Collect

P Let us Pray

P We give thanks to You, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C Amen.

<i>The Recessional: Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer</i>	918
<i>Postlude</i>	

† *Service Participants* †

Pastor:	Rev. Eric Andrae
Vicar:	Joshua Ulm
Music Director:	Mark Killinger
The Organist:	Sandra Quinlan
The Elders:	John Gielarowski & Mike Sterba
The Acolyte:	Joey Ackerman (8:00) Leah Luedeman (10:30)
The Greeters:	Bob & Diana Schmidt (8:00) Marian & Janet Oelschlager (10:30)
The Ushers:	Kathleen Conn, Bill Schrag (8:00) Janet & Larry Zreliak Sam Dragan, Loren Luedeman (10:30) Kari & John Gresh
Altar Guild:	Mary Hutula & Elsie Dalla Piazza
Nursery:	Megan Glasser, Deb Sterba & Lara Luedman

Last Week in Worship

Christmas Eve Worship Attendance (12/24) – 253

Christmas Day Worship Attendance (12/25) –79

New Year's Eve Worship Attendance (12/31) –425

New Year's Day Worship Attendance (1/1) – 115

Christmas Eve Offering (12/24) – \$10,416.00

Christmas Day Offering (12/25) – \$1,963.00

New Year's Eve Offering (12/31) – \$761.00

New Year's Day Offering (1/1) - \$3,205.00

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

Week of Jan. 8th – Jan. 15th

<p>SUNDAY 1/8 Food Bank Collection</p>	<p>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 – Teen Girls Seamless Bible Study</p>
<p>MONDAY 1/9</p>	<p>7:30 PM – Call Committee Meeting</p>
<p>TUESDAY 1/10</p>	<p>7:00 PM – Adult Choir Practice</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY 1/11</p>	<p>7:00 PM – Bible Study</p>
<p>THURSDAY 1/12</p>	<p>10:00 AM – Bible Study 7:30 PM – Council Meeting</p>
<p>FRIDAY 1/13</p>	
<p>SATURDAY 1/14</p>	<p>8:00 AM – Men’s Bible Breakfast</p>
<p>SUNDAY 1/15</p>	<p>8:00 AM – Worship 9:15 AM – Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM – Worship 11:45 AM – Children’s Choir Practice 11:45 AM – Teen Girls Seamless Bible Study</p>

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Chairman: Robert Schmidt
Vice Chairman: Vince Kimberland
Treasurer: Kim Luedeman
Financial Secretary: Nancy Klemash
Sunday School Superintendent: Katie Gielarowski
Recording Secretary: Brittney Dill

Head of Ushers: Larry Zreliak
Youth Director: Joe Faini
Vicar: Joshua Ulm

Elders: (Families assigned to each elder listed after their name)

Peter Fisher: Ackerman-Buzzelli	John Gielarowski: Kohlhepp-Ludeman
Bill Bishop: Carswell- Dibert	Mike Wallace: Lynch- R. Oelschlager
Mike Kroeger: Dill-Geary	Mike Sterba: Pallaria-Iola Schmidt
Paul Klemash: Geregach-Holler	Jim Niell: Bob Schmidt- Thomas
Shane Bryant: Howcroft- Koester	Robb Oelschlager: Thompson- Zreliak

Trustees:

John Lemonovich	Jim Oelschlager
Lee Glasser	John Gresh
Paul Hayes Jr	Dan Harris
Wayne Oechslein	Ben Meyer
Norm Dill	Max Ma
Linda Kroeger	Hsiao Jean

Board of Education:

Ted Siek	Susie Bishop
Carrie Lemonovich	Diana Schmidt

Joe's Insert

A Bible Study for Teen Girls

Seamless

Understanding the
Bible as One Complete Story



angie smith

Who: Girls 7th grade and up

Begins: Sunday, January 8th

Time: 11:45 am - 12:45 pm

Sign up: Use the sign-up sheet in the sanctuary or email

Katie Gielarowski @ sundayschool@zlcg.com

Li&W | Girls

Operation:

Bags of Love

Last year, we sent **264** bags of love
troops in Afghanistan, Korea and

Help make our 5th year the BEST EVER.

Your mission? Bring the following items and place in one of
the Operation Stars and Stripes collection boxes:

Ramen Noodles

Drink Mix Singles (Propel, Coffee, etc.)

Snack sized packages of **Granola Bars**

Snack sized packages of **Jerky** or **Slim Jims**

Chewing **Gum**

Gallon-sized **ZipLok** Bags

Other ways you can help:

Monetary donations to help with shipping costs (*make
checks payable to Zion Lutheran church and label
"OSS"*)

Write a **Letter of Encouragement** to a soldier. Must be
written on provided letterhead.

Draw a **Picture** on our Operation: Bags of Love drawing
page.

Pray for our troops.

Help Sunday school kids assemble items on February
19th at 9:15am.

(*Letterhead and drawing pages are available in the Narthex, school
lobby and on the Sunday school tab at www.zlcb.org.)*)

Collections begin Sunday, December 11th

Thank you for your donations!
~Zion Lutheran Sunday school

For more information about Operation: Stars and Stripes, Inc., please
visit their website at www.operationstarsandstripes.org.