

Zion Lutheran Church



April 9th, 2017
Palm Sunday

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Brad & Jessica Boyle in Memory of Brad's father, Jerome Boyle and Paul, Nancy, & Andrew Klemash in Honor of Rachel's birthday.

ETERNAL LIGHT is given by Judy Dames in Memory of Loved Ones.

THIS WEEK'S FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE...is from BILL BISHOP. 1 Corinthians 9:24 NIV "Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize."

TAKE TIME FOR FELLOWSHIP...the ALL-CHURCH SPRING COOKOUT is SUNDAY, MAY 21st, right after second service. Expect good eats, good company, good times!

VICAR'S BOOK OF THE MONTH for April is "Luther's Prayers." You can check it out of the Zion library!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY RETURNS...April 18! Back by very popular demand, BLESS THESE LIPS (first offered at Zion in Sept. 2013) is an 8-week Bible study by Sharla Fritz. ALL women are invited to attend. We meet Tuesday nights, 7:15-8:45 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Previous experience with Bible study or church membership not required! Please sign up in the narthex or contact Linda at linda.w.kroeger@gmail.com. JOY!

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN MINISTRIES annual Fashion Show will be on May 20th at Butler Country Club starting at 10am. Enjoy lunch and a fashion show! See flyer in the narthex for more details.

UPCOMING BIBLE STUDY with Pastor Grimenstein will be on the Gospel according to Luke. Join Pastor on Sunday morning between services starting April 23rd! Coffee and donuts always served during this bible study!!

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.

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.zlcb.org/sermons

Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church

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Welcome to worship!

Today is an exciting day at Zion! As we come together to worship this morning, we celebrate the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. The King of Israel is coming into the city, but he comes not to overthrow the Romans or start a military kingdom, he comes to die for the sins of the people. We remember this joyous occasion of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem in our hymns and readings today.

This afternoon we celebrate the installation of Pastor Grimenstein, rejoicing in God's gift of a new pastor. God sends his servants to preach to us, rebuke us, teach us, and encourage us according to God's Word. Today we have a chance to reflect on what God's Word says about pastors and God's love shown to us through them.

The most exciting thing that is happening this morning is the Baptism of Ella Faini. God is destroying the kingdom of Satan with His Word. He is beating back the devil and his minions by the proclamation of His Gospel. This morning we get to watch God do his salvation work, washing Ella and making her his own. Today is an exciting day in God's grace.

May God bless you as you receive His gifts this morning!

Vicar Joshua



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

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Baptism of Ella Hagan Faini (10:30 am service)

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

V Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the LORD!*

We bless you from the house | of the LORD.

G Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O | ancient doors,*
that the King of glory | may come in.

Who is this King of | glory?*

The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in | battle!

**Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O | ancient doors,*
that the King of glory | may come in.**

Who is this King of | glory?*

The LORD of hosts, he is the King of | glory!

V Blessed is he who comes in the name | of the LORD!*

We bless you from the house | of the LORD.

Kyrie

G Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

V The Lord be with you.

G And also with you.

V Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of those who are taught,
that I may know how to sustain with a word
him who is weary.
Morning by morning he awakens;
he awakens my ear
to hear as those who are taught.

The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious;
I turned not backward.
I gave my back to those who strike,
and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard;
I hid not my face
from disgrace and spitting.
But the Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like a flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame.
He who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who is my adversary?
Let him come near to me.
Behold, the Lord GOD helps me;
who will declare me guilty?
Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment;
the moth will eat them up.

☑ This is the Word of the Lord.

🗣 **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Philippians 2:5-11

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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Holy Gospel John 12:12-43

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

"Fear not, daughter of Zion;
behold, your king is coming,
sitting on a donkey's colt!"

His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

"Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven: "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be

cast out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die. So the crowd answered him, "We have heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?" So Jesus said to them, "The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light."

When Jesus had said these things, he departed and hid himself from them. Though he had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in him, so that the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

"Lord, who has believed what he heard from us,
and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?"

Therefore they could not believe. For again Isaiah said,

"He has blinded their eyes
and hardened their heart,
lest they see with their eyes,
and understand with their heart, and turn,
and I would heal them."

Isaiah said these things because he saw his glory and spoke of him. Nevertheless, many even of the authorities believed in him, but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue; for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

C **I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,

**the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

Sermon Hymn – No Tramp of Soldier’s Marching Feet

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Sermon

Prayer of the Church

V ... Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

Offertory – 8:00 am Men’s Choir

10:30 am Adult & Children’s Choir

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 stop by the welcome desk on your way out of church this morning.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. 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



☐ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

- ☐ Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many.

As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

- 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

- P** 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."
- P** 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

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

The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

Agnus Dei



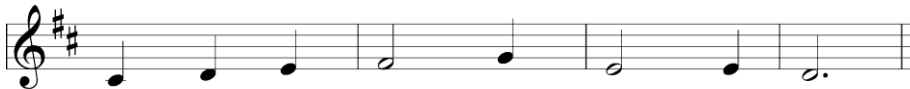
1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

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

Take My Life and Let it Be 784

How Great Thou Art 801

On Eagles' Wings 727

Nunc Dimittis

C 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

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

Benedicamus and Benediction

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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.**

Closing Hymn – All Glory, Laud, and Honor

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Divine Service, Setting Four from Lutheran Service Book

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Prayer Request for Family & Friends

The Church:

-For our homebound members: Tom Bicusky, Ruth Miller, George and Florence Boehme, Lois Dittmer, Norm and Helen Erbrecht, Dorothy Smelko, Irene Bourg, and Don Jones.

-Healing for Janet Hickey, Jack Oelschlager, Florence Boehme, Gloria Godfrey, Marian Siek, Sarah & Michael Erbrecht, Gladys Cimarolli, Joyce Wood, Roxanne Burgh, Henry Dittmer, Cletus Kroeger, Ruth Miller, Lois Klemash, Nancy Spotti, Bob Rondinelli, Aly Mance, Robin Dunbar, Diane Scandolari, Ezra Hildebrand, Reggie Ford, Deana Thielet, Bill Koester, Nancy Koester, Sammy's Dad, Bruce Klemash, Vinny, Dave Hutula, Dom Santaguida, Dale Ferry, Bruce Gain, and Ron Lyons.

-For Rev. Edward Grimenstein as he prepares to become Zion's next pastor.

-For our missionaries, especially the Naumanns, Lohmeyers, and Dukes.

-For all who care for loved ones with illnesses

-For the ministry of Zion Lutheran Preschool

- For all who mourn, especially the families of Sue Harris and Jim Lynch

The World:

-For an end to abortion and human trafficking.

-For the youth in our community.

Our Nation:

-For those in Foster Care and those looking to adopt.

-For the disabled, unborn and aged.

-For those whose work is dangerous, especially Jared Fitzgerald.

- For godly care of the earth

† *Service Participants* †

Pastor:	Rev. Eric Carlson
Seminarian:	Joshua Ulm
Music Director:	Mark Killinger
The Organist:	Sandra Quinlan
The Elders:	Mike Sterba & Mike Wallace
The Acolyte:	Matt Liberatore (8:00) Augie Bishop (10:30)
The Greeters:	Brent & Marianne Miller & Millie Thielet (8:00) Janet & Marian Oelschlager (10:30)
The Ushers:	Carl Bauer, Gene Koop (8:00) Ron Meier, Jack Oelschlager Sam Dragan, Vince Kimberland (10:30) Bill Koester, Chuck LaJeunesse
Altar Guild:	Debbie LaJeunesse, Carrie Lemonovich & Carolyn Wible

Last Week in Worship


Sunday Worship Attendance (4/2) – 201

Lenten Mid-week Service Attendance (4/5) – 40

Sunday Offering (4/2) - \$4,844.00

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

Week of April 9th – April 16th

<p>SUNDAY 4/9 PALM SUNDAY FOOD BANK COLLECTION</p>	<p>8:00 AM – Worship w/ Communion 9:15 AM – Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM – Worship w/ Communion 2:00 PM – Installation of Pastor Grimenstein (Lunch to follow service)</p>
<p>MONDAY 4/10</p>	<p>7:00 PM – Confirmation</p>
<p>TUESDAY 4/11</p>	
<p>WEDNESDAY 4/12</p>	<p>7:00 PM – Lenten Midweek Service</p>
<p>THURSDAY 4/13</p>	<p>7:00 PM – Maundy Thursday Service</p>
<p>FRIDAY 4/14</p>	<p>7:00 PM – Good Friday Service</p>
<p>SATURDAY 4/15</p>	<p>9:30 AM – Men’s Choir Practice</p>
<p>SUNDAY 4/16</p> 	<p>8:00 AM – Worship w/ Communion 9:15 AM – Easter Breakfast 10:30 AM – Worship w/ Communion</p>

Upcoming Middle School Youth Group



Who?	Anyone 6-8th Grade
When?	Saturday, April 29
Where?	Urban Assault Paintball
Address?	201 Cecil Sturgeon Rd., Mcdonald, PA
Time?	11:30 - 2:00pm
Food?	Pizza!
Cost?	\$30

Details:

We will be meeting at the South Fayette Children's Hospital parking lot (205 Millers Run Rd. - Bridgeville) at 10:45am and riding a bus to Cecil. We plan to return around 2:15-2:30pm.

****Every student must have a signed release walver in order to be able to play! ****

See attached or contact Joe Faini

Contact Joe Faini
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So What's Online?

- ✓ At least one new post every day of the year
- ✓ What's happening this week at Zion
- ✓ This week's bulletin
- ✓ This week's prayer requests
- ✓ This month's newsletter
- ✓ Hundreds of past sermons
- ✓ Over 125 videos
- ✓ Youth events
- ✓ School information and downloadable forms
- ✓ Photo gallery
- ✓ Contact information
- ✓ Special "Members Only" information
- ✓ Bible in a year readings
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