

# Zion Lutheran Church

THIRD SUNDAY IN  
LENT



March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by Michael & Deborah Sterba in Memory of Mike's grandparents, Michael & Frances Szczerba and Anthony & Katherin Chiodo and the Klemash Family in Memory of Loved Ones.

**ETERNAL LIGHT** is given by Bernice DeBoe in loving memory of parents, Roman & Anna Rybarski and Stanley & Anna DeBoe.

**THIS WEEK'S FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE...**is from **CLETUS KROEGER**. Job 19:25 NIV I know that my redeemer lives, and that in the end He will stand on the earth.

**HELP WANTED...**The *Pittsburgh Lutheran* has an immediate need for a volunteer to work on layout. The job entails putting together articles and pictures into a cohesive newsletter format each month. This job involves 4-6 hours a month, and all work can be done from the comfort of your home. Communication sharing of articles is done via email. Please contact Mary Lou Rilee, Christine Chilcott or Nancy Koester with any questions or email [Pittsburgh.lutheran.editor@gmail.com](mailto:Pittsburgh.lutheran.editor@gmail.com).

**YOUTH GROUP GAME NIGHT** will be on Friday March 23<sup>rd</sup> 5:30pm-9:00pm. There will be pizza, games and fellowship. Bring a friend and your favorite game!

**LESSON FOUR TAKEAWAYS** from Women's Bible Study on Forgiveness: 1. Refusing to receive the forgiveness Christ offers us is itself a sin...not motivated by humility but the sin of unbelief.  
**2. We cannot forgive ourselves; we need only believe the truth of god's COMPLETE forgiveness.**

**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 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](http://www.zlcb.org/sermons)

**P** In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

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

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

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** 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.

**P** 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.

**C** Amen.

### Service of the Word

#### Introit

**P** For zeal for your house has con- | sumed me,\*  
and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fall- | en on me.

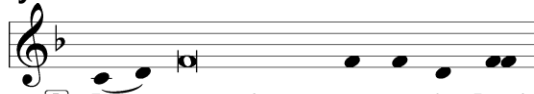
**C** Deliver me from sinking | in the mire;\*  
let me be delivered from my enemies and from the deep | waters.  
Let not the flood sweep over me, or the deep swal- | low me up,\*  
or the pit close its mouth | over me.

Answer me, O LORD, for your steadfast | love is good;\*  
according to your abundant mercy, | turn to me.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

**P** For zeal for your house has con- | sumed me,\*  
and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fall- | en on me.

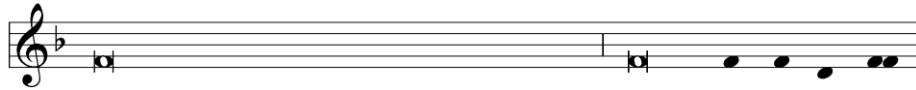
# Kyrie



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**G** Lord, have mer - cy.



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



**G** Lord, have mer - cy.



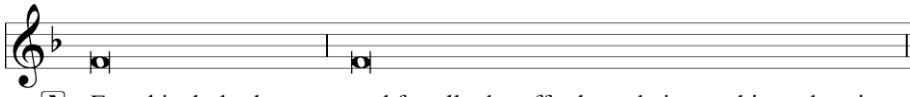
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



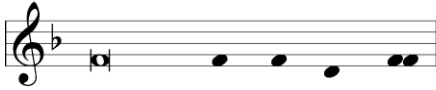
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**G** Lord, have mer - cy.



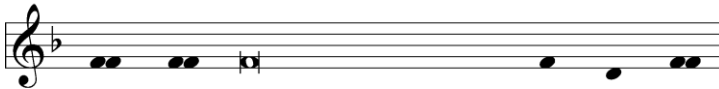
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## Old Testament Reading – Exodus 20:1-17

And God spoke all these words, saying,  
"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

"You shall have no other gods before me.

"You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

"You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

"Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

"You shall not murder.

"You shall not commit adultery.

"You shall not steal.

"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

"You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's."

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle – 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. Therefore, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### VERSE FOR LENT



**C** Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra - cious and



mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in



stead-fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

### Holy Gospel

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

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

The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade." His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me."

So the Jews said to him, "What sign do you show us for doing these things?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking about the temple of his body. <sup>22</sup>When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon Hymn – May God Bestow on Us His Grace**

**#824**

**Sermon**

**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.

### **Prayer of the Church**

**P** ...Let us pray to the Lord

**C** Lord have mercy.

### **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.*

## Offertory



What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to



me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo-ple, in the



courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

**Offertory: 8:00am - Faith Bell Choir – Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence**

**10:30am – Men's Choir – Go to Dark Gethsemane**

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface



**P** The Lord be with you.



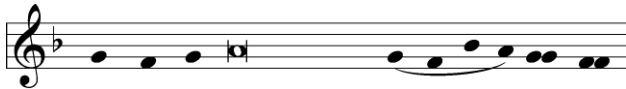
**C** And al - so with you.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



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



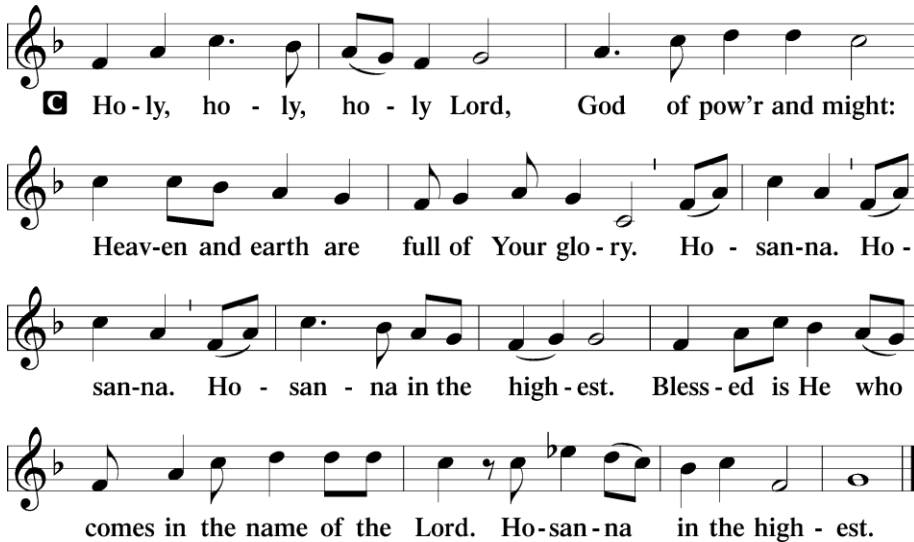
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**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, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. 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



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** 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.

- C** 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  $\cdot$  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  $\text{†}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

### 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.**

### Pax Domini



**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



☐ A - men.

### Agnus Dei



☐ Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

### 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

<b>Son of God, Eternal Savior</b>	<b>#842</b>
<b>Your Table I Approach</b>	<b>#628</b>
<b>Thine Forever, God of Love</b>	<b>#687</b>

### **Nunc Dimittis**



**C** Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful -



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have pre -



pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -



veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el.



Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

### **Post-Communion Collect**

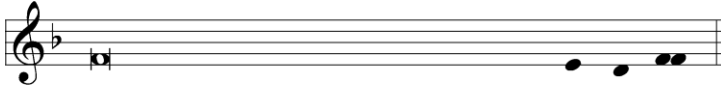
**A** Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true

faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; 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** A - - men.

### Closing Hymn – I Love Your Kingdom Lord #687

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## Prayer Request for Family & Friends

### ***The Church:***

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

-**Healing for:** Janet Hickey, Jack Oelschlager, Florence Boehme, Gloria Godfrey, Marian Siek, Sarah & Michael Erbrecht, Gladys Cimarolli, Joyce Wood, Cletus Kroeger, Ruth Miller, Nancy Spotti, Aly Mance, Deana Thielet, Bill Koester, Nancy Koester, Dave Hutula, Ryan McCaffrey, Mary Lou Neill and Dottie Heslop.

-For our missionaries, especially Pastor Wokoma.

-For all who care for loved ones with illnesses.

-For the ministry of Zion Lutheran Preschool.

### ***The World:***

-For an end to abortion and human trafficking.

-For the youth in our community.

### ***Our Nation:***

-For our leaders and government officials.

-For those in foster care and those looking to adopt.

-For the disabled, unborn and aged.

-For those whose work it is to protect us.

-For those affected by the recent hurricanes.

- For godly care of the earth.

† *Service Participants* †

Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Edward Grimenstein
Music Director:	Mark Killinger
The Organist:	Sandra Quinlan
The Elders:	John Gielarowski & Mike Sterba
The Acolyte:	Lauren Liberatore (8:00) Max Gresh (10:30)
The Greeters:	Robert & Diana Schmidt (8:00) Bill & Susie Bishop (10:30)
The Ushers:	Bob Schmidt, Megan Pasquini Wayne & Barb Oechslein (8:00) John & Kari Gresh Dwight & Andy Weldon (10:30)
Altar Guild:	Janet & Marian Oelschlager
Nursery:	Megan Glasser & Adele Goodge

**Last Week in Worship**

Sunday Worship Attendance (2/25) – 166

Wednesday Attendance (2/28) - 47

Sunday Offering (2/25) - \$3,506.44

Online Offering (2/19-2/23) - \$1,024.00

~Online giving is now available by going to the Zion web site: [www.zlcb.org](http://www.zlcb.org)~

## March 4<sup>th</sup> – March 11<sup>th</sup>

<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>3/4</b>	8:00 AM – Worship w/ Communion 9:15 AM – Sunday School & Adult Bible' Study 10:30 AM – Worship w/ Communion
<b>MONDAY</b> <b>3/5</b>	6:00 PM – First Year Confirmation 7:00 PM – Second Year Confirmation 7:00 PM – Trustees Meeting
<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>3/6</b>	6:15 PM – Grace Bell Choir 7:15 PM – Adult Choir 7:15 PM – Women's Bible Study 8:00 PM – Faith Bell Choir
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>3/7</b>	6:00 PM – New Member Class 6:00 PM – Lenten Dinner 7:00 PM – Lenten Service
<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>3/8</b>	10:00 AM – Bible Study 7:30 PM – Council Meeting
<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>3/9</b>	
<b>SATURDAY</b> <b>3/10</b>	8:00 AM – Men's Bible Breakfast
<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>3/11</b> <b>FOOD BANK COLLECTION</b>	8:00 AM – Worship w/ Communion 9:15 AM – Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM – Worship w/ Communion

# LIFE'S STORMS HAPPEN.... AND AT SHIPWRECKED VBS, KIDS LEARN THAT JESUS RESCUES US.

OUR ADVENTURE IS JUNE 25<sup>TH</sup> – 29<sup>TH</sup> FROM 9AM – NOON. WE NEED LOTS OF VOLUNTEERS WHO WILL GIVE THEIR TIME, TALENTS AND LOVE TO KIDS AND THEIR FAMILY & FRIENDS.

**LEADERSHIP:** WHAT COULD BE MORE FUN THAN LEADING GAMES WITH KIDS OR ACTING GOOFY IN A SKIT OR SNAPPING FUN PHOTOS? PLEASE CONSIDER YOUR INVOLVEMENT IN ONE OF THESE ROLES.

**CREWS:** KIDS ROTATE FROM STATION TO STATION WITH CREW LEADERS AND HELPERS. NO PREPARATION IS NECESSARY!

**NURSERY:** LITTLE ONES CAN LEARN ABOUT JESUS TOO! PLEASE CONSIDER HELPING IN THIS AREA.

## **CREW LEADER & HELPER 45 MIN. MEETING: MONDAY, JUNE 11<sup>TH</sup> AT 7:00 PM**

WE BELIEVE THAT GOD WILL USE THIS PROGRAM TO REACH MANY CHILDREN WITH THE GOSPEL, SO PLEASE PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER YOUR ROLE IN VBS. TO VOLUNTEER, SIMPLY FILL OUT THIS FORM AND PLACE IN THE BOX LABELED SHIPWRECKED VBS IN THE SCHOOL LOBBY.

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## 2018 SHIPWRECKED VBS VOLUNTEER FORM

\_\_\_\_\_ YES! I WANT TO VOLUNTEER! CHECK YOUR AREAS OF INTEREST:

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> SHIP REC GAMES LEADER (ZION MEMBER ONLY)   | <input type="checkbox"/> NURSERY HELPER |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OPENING & CLOSING SKITS (ZION MEMBER ONLY) | <input type="checkbox"/> CREW LEADER    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PHOTOGRAPHER                               | <input type="checkbox"/> CREW HELPER    |

YOUR NAME \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_ CELL # \_\_\_\_\_

T-SHIRT SIZE \_\_\_\_\_  I ALREADY OWN A GREY ZION T-SHIRT

**\*\* PLEASE SUBMIT SECURITY CLEARANCES TO ZION'S SECRETARY AT  
[SECRETARY@ZLCB.ORG](mailto:SECRETARY@ZLCB.ORG).**

