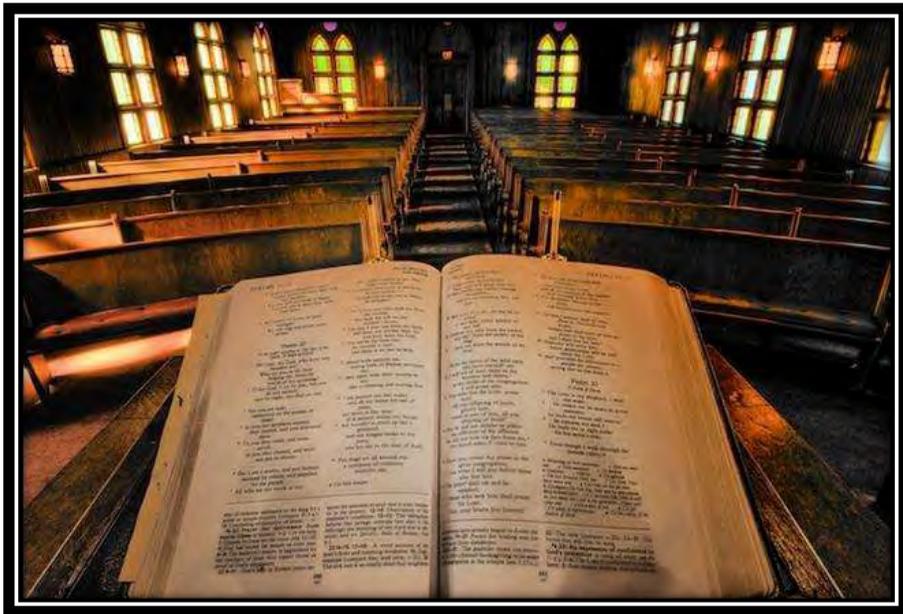


Zion Lutheran Church



Third Sunday of End Times
November 15th, 2015

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Deborah & Michael Sterba in Honor of their Granddaughter Claire's 5th birthday.

ETERNAL LIGHT is given by The Kroeger & Carter Families in Memory of Gertrude Kroeger.

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.)

APOLOGETICS: why do we believe what we believe; how do we respond to people who challenge our faith? This Sunday, Tony German (who presented at our Creation Seminar) will be leading us on a brief course in Apologetics in our Adult Bible Class (9:30) and then for a seminar from noon-2. Hope you are able to join in; lunch will be served and there will be childcare.

USHERS NEEDED! Please consider volunteering to be an usher for early or late service for 2016. The sign-up sheet is in the narthex. Contact Larry Zreliak with any questions!

GIVING TREE is set up in the back of the church. Please consider taking an angel to purchase a gift for a child for Christmas. Please contact Barb Oechslein with any questions.

ETERNAL LIGHT & ALTER FLOWER dates are now available for 2016! Please see the table located in the back corner of the sanctuary for complete directions, the sign-up sheets and payment envelopes. The prices for 2016 remain the same - \$5.00 for the Eternal Light and \$15.00 per vase for the Altar Flowers. Remember: once you have signed up for a specific date and taken the corresponding envelope, please complete the information on the envelope and place it (with your payment) in the offering plate by the due date indicated on the envelope. Have any questions? Please see Carrie Lemonovich or feel free to call her at (412)319-7267.

CHILDRENS CHOIR is every Tuesday from 6:00 – 6:45 PM, Kids ages 7-12 are welcome!!

CHILDREN'S CHURCH can use your help! We want to expand Children's Church to twice monthly. If you want to help out with this ministry to our children, please contact Pastor Duncan or the Church Office. We'd love to have you serve!

POINSETTIA ORDERS for Christmas Eve service can be purchased until Sunday Dec. 6th! The cost is \$6.75 each.

ADULT CHOIR rehearsals are Tuesdays from 7:00-8:00PM. We are looking to add to our numbers from last year! Do not worry if you can't attend regularly, we can work around just about any schedule!

THE PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER OF THE SOUTH HILLS is seeking a part-time (21 hours/week) Education Assistant for the IN THE KNOW program. The position requires administrative and public speaking skills and a passion for teenagers. Please contact Nadine Michalak, Education Director, at 412-973-3806 or intheknowprograms@gmail.com with questions or to obtain an application.

ROMANS. We started a Bible Study Series on the book of Romans in conjunction with our Wednesday Evening Service of Prayer and Preaching. Child care is provided!

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 worship!

This morning our Back to Basics series continues as we wrap up our study of Confession and Absolution by taking a look at Office of the Public Ministry. We spent several weeks last month taking a look at the Pastoral Office: who should hold it, what it's purpose is, and how a congregation should work with their pastor in bringing Jesus to all people. This morning, we condense that month-long study into one neatly packaged sermon.

Other than Sunday morning services, what does a Pastor do? Does he work at all during the week? I hope you will enjoy our brief study of the Pastoral Office this morning; I hope that it will help you understand better why Christ gave this Office to his church, what it is for, and who should hold it. And, Lord willing, you will be left with a greater appreciation for God's grace in giving his church this Office through which the Gospel would be preached and the sacraments administered according to the command of Christ. But I also hope that you will see how the Pastoral Office only works when it is seen as one part among many in the body of Christ. We all work together to make the good news of Jesus known.

Starting next week, we begin a three-week study on the Lord's Supper followed by several weeks of taking a look at the Christian life in the church and world in view of all that we have learned as we went Back to Basics.

God bless your time in worship this morning!

-Pastor Duncan

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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 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: The Church's One Foundation

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The Invocation

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

People: Amen.

Confession of Sins (Psalm 51)

Pastor: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

People: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

Pastor: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

People: Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.

Pastor: Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity and in sin did my mother conceive me.

People: Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.

Pastor: Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

People: Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice.

Pastor: Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

People: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Pastor: Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

People: Restore to me the joy of your salvation and uphold me with a willing spirit.

Pastor: Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.

People: Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness.

Pastor: O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

People: For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.

Pastor: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

People: Do good to Zion in your good pleasure; build up the walls of Jerusalem; then will you delight in right sacrifices, in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings; then bulls will be offered on your altar.

Absolution Spoken by the Pastor

People: Amen.

Hymn of Praise: This Is the Feast

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Refrain:

This is the feast of victory of our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

[REFRAIN]

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing and glory are His.

[REFRAIN]

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

[REFRAIN]

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.

[REFRAIN]

The Prayer of the Church

(Please be seated)

Baptism of Kora Hayes (8:00 am Service)

The Service of the Word

The Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 23: 16-32

Thus says the Lord of hosts: “Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the Lord. They say continually to those who despise the word of the Lord, ‘It shall be well with you’; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, ‘No disaster shall come upon you.’”

For who among them has stood in the council of the Lord to see and to hear his word, or who has paid attention to his word and listened?

Behold, the storm of the Lord! Wrath has gone forth a whirling tempest; it will burst upon the head of the wicked. The anger of the Lord will not turn back until he has executed and accomplished the intents of his heart. In the latter days you will understand it clearly. “I did not send the prophets, yet they ran; I did not speak to them, yet they prophesied. But if they had stood in my council, then they would have proclaimed my words to my people, and they would have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their deeds.

“Am I a God at hand, declares the Lord, and not a God far away? Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the Lord. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, ‘I have dreamed, I have dreamed!’ How long shall there be lies in the heart of the

prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, who think to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Baal? Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? declares the Lord. Is not my word like fire, declares the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces? Therefore, behold, I am against the prophets, declares the Lord, who steal my words from one another. Behold, I am against the prophets, declares the Lord, who use their tongues and declare, 'declares the Lord.' Behold, I am against those who prophesy lying dreams, declares the Lord, and who tell them and lead my people astray by their lies and their recklessness, when I did not send them or charge them. So they do not profit this people at all, declares the Lord.

The New Testament Reading: 1Timothy 3: 1-7

The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church? He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil.

Pastor: In honor of our Lord Jesus Christ, we rise for the reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 12th Chapter.

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

The Gospel Reading: Luke 12: 4-12

“I tell you, my friends, do not fear those who kill the body, and after that have nothing more that they can do. But I will warn you whom to fear: fear him who, after he has killed, has authority to cast into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him! Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? And not one of them is forgotten before God. Why, even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not; you are of more value than many sparrows.

“And I tell you, everyone who acknowledges me before men, the Son of Man also will acknowledge before the angels of God, but the one who denies me before men will be denied before the angels of God. And everyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but the one who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven. And when they bring you before the synagogues and the rulers and the authorities, do not be anxious about how you should defend yourself or what you should say, for the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

(Please be seated)

Sermon Hymn: When Morning Gilds the Skies

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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.

(Please be seated)

Offertory - For the Fruits of His Creation – Women’s Choir (10:30)

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

Pastor: 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.”

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

People: 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.

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: 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.

(Please be seated until it is your time to commune.)

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

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

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Jerusalem the Golden

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Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

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Benediction

People: Amen

The Recessional: Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

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Postlude

† *Service Participants* †

Pastor:	Rev. Duncan McLellan
Music Director:	Mark Killinger
The Organist:	Sandra Quinlan
The Elders:	Bill Bishop & James Neill
The Acolyte:	Josiah Ackerman (8:00) Leah Luedeman (10:30)
The Greeters:	Wayne & Kathleen Conn (8:00) Steve & Lori Gauger & Megan (10:30)
The Ushers:	Larry Zreliak, Dale Miller Barb & Wayne Oechslein (8:00) Dan Harris, Ross Chilcott, & Chuck LaJeunesse (10:30)
Altar Guild:	Kathleen Conn & Mary Hutula
Nursery 10:30 service:	Jodi & Jennifer Fitzgerald

Last Week in Worship

Sunday Worship Attendance (11/8) - 175

Wednesday Attendance (11/11) - 39

Sunday Offering (11/8) - \$3,587.43

Online Offering - \$1035.00

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

Week of Nov. 15th – Nov. 22nd

<p>SUNDAY 11/15</p>	<p>8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion 9:30 AM –Adult Bible(Apologetics Study) & Sunday School 10:30 AM – Worship w/Communion 12:00-2:00 PM - Apologetics Seminar (lunch & childcare provided) 6:30 PM – Body & Soul Boot Camp</p>
<p>MONDAY 11/16</p>	
<p>TUESDAY 11/17</p>	<p>9:00 AM – Mom’s in Prayer 6:00 PM – Children’s Choir Practice 7:00 PM – Adult Choir Practice 7:30 PM – Elders Meeting</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY 11/18</p>	<p>7:00PM – Prayer, Preaching and Small Groups</p>
<p>THURSDAY 11/19</p>	<p>7:30 PM – Church Council Meeting</p>
<p>FRIDAY 11/20</p>	
<p>SATURDAY 11/21</p>	
<p>SUNDAY 11/22</p>	<p>8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion 9:30 AM –Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM – Worship w/Communion 11:45 AM – Stephen Ministry Training 11:45 AM- Events Committee Meeting</p>