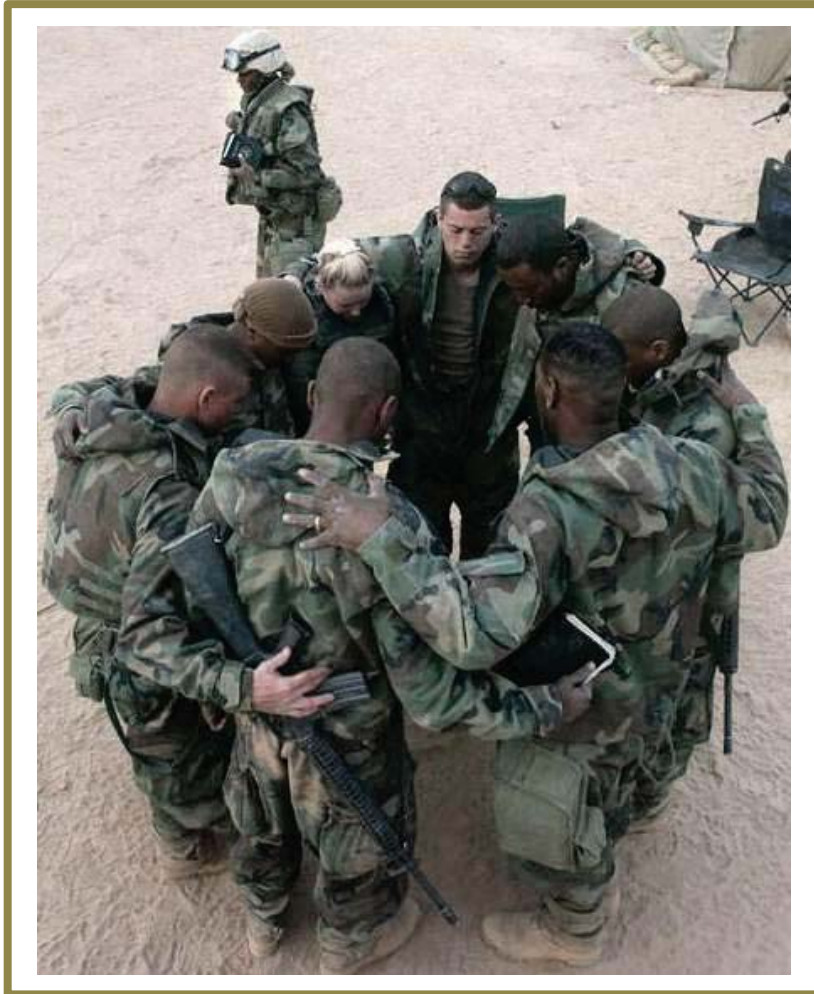


ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?

Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 29, 2011



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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The **Altar Flowers** have been given to the Glory of God by Paula and Harry Jones in honor of their 5th Wedding Anniversary on May 27th and by Ruth Miller in memory of her husband James Miller and her granddaughter Rachel Phillips.

The **Eternal Light** is lit to the Glory of the God by Lois Klemash in memory of Pearl Harbor Day.

New Eyes for the Needy will be collecting used eyeglasses in order to recondition them and give them to those in need. Please bring your used eyeglasses and place them in the collection box in the narthex through Pentecost Sunday, June 12th.

The Evangelism/Fellowship Committee is available to sponsor a Mens/Ladies golf outing this season if there is enough interest. Anyone who is interested in a **Zion Golf Outing**, please let either Dick Wible (412-831-9947) or Bill Bishop (412-257-5089) know by Sunday, June 5th.

ZION NIGHT AT PNC PARK will be Saturday, July 23rd. Price per person is \$19.00 which includes the price of the ticket and transportation. More information is in the June Newsletter. Sign up by June 23rd to hold your ticket.

This year, Zion's Vacation Bible School, **BIG JUNGLE ADVENTURE**, will be held August 8th-12th and we are in need of volunteers. There are many ways that you can help. We still have need in the following areas:

- One preschool teacher!!
- 4 preschool teachers helpers
- 1 Kindergarten teachers helper
- 1 1st Grade teachers helper
- 2 Recreation helpers
- 3 Nursery helpers



Volunteer forms are available in the church narthex and the school lobby. Volunteers are encouraged to wear Zion Lutheran T-Shirts which are available at the special price of \$5.00.

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Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church!

Last week, the service ended with you being asked a question: if you had \$100 per day to bring Jesus to people, what would you do? Would you help one struggling family at a time? Would you launch a major ministry in Bridgeville? Would you pay for more children to hear about Jesus in our preschool? Would you fund a mission trip? What would you do?

This week, in our gospel lesson, Jesus speaks some important words for all people to hear: “I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.” This changes everything! Not only does Jesus teach that eternal life is a free gift, but it is a gift that no one (or nothing) can take away from us!

It’s easy for us to feel guilty about the mistakes we’ve made in the past, or think that they are SO bad that we have to do something to overcome them, to prove that we are “good” or deserving of love. The good news is that Christ gave us the one thing our “good works” could never deserve, and give it to us in a way that is more certain than anything we could lay claim to on our own. Not only are we loved; not only are we forgiven; not only have we been given eternal life; but we have been given these gifts in a way where they can never be taken from us!

What would you do to bring this good news to people?

-Pastor Duncan

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The Divine Service

The Prelude

Introduction to Worship and Announcements

(please stand)

Opening Hymn: God Himself Is Present

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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 and Absolution

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.**

Pastor: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

Hymn of Praise: This Is the Feast

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Refrain:

This is the feast of victory for 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 Collect

Pastor: The Lord be with you!

People: **And also with you!**

Pastor: Let us pray. Lord, because you have promised to give what we ask in the name of your only-begotten Son, teach us rightly to pray with all your saints to offer you our adoration and praise; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

The Service of the Word

The Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 82 – A Psalm of Asaph

God has taken his place in the divine council;

In the midst of the gods he holds judgment:

“How long will you judge unjustly

and show partiality to the wicked? *Selah*

Give justice to the weak and the fatherless;

maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute.

Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.”

They have neither knowledge nor understanding,
they walk about in darkness;
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.
I said, "You are gods,
sons of the Most High, all of you;
nevertheless, like men you shall die,
and fall like any prince.
Arise, O God, judge the earth;
for you shall inherit the nations!

The New Testament Lesson: Romans 8:31-39

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

(Out of respect for our Lord Jesus Christ, please rise)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 10th Chapter
People: (sing) **Glory to Thee, O Lord!**

The Gospel: John 10:22-42

At that time the Feast of Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us

plainly.” Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe. The works I do in my Father’s name bear witness about me, but you do not believe because you are not part of my flock. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of my Father’s hand. I and the Father are one.”

The Jews picked up stones again to stone him. Jesus answered them, “I have shown you many good works from the Father; for which of them are you going to stone me?” The Jews answered him, “It is not for a good work that we are going to stone you but for blasphemy, because you, being a man, make yourself God.” Jesus answered them, “Is it not written in your Law, ‘I said, you are gods’? If he called them gods to whom the word of God came—and Scripture cannot be broken—do you say of him whom the Father consecrated and sent into the world, ‘You are blaspheming,’ because I said, ‘I am the Son of God’? If I am not doing the works of my Father, then do not believe me; but if I do them, even though you do not believe me, believe the works, that you may know and understand that the Father is in me and I am in the Father.” Again they sought to arrest him, but he escaped from their hands.

He went away again across the Jordan to the place where John had been baptizing at first, and there he remained. And many came to him. And they said, “John did no sign, but everything that John said about this man was true.” And many believed in him there.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: **(sing) Praise be to thee, O Christ!**

(Please be seated)

The Children’s Message (10:30)

The Sermon Hymn: With the Lord Begin Your Task 869

Sermon

(Please stand)

The Creed: Apostles’ Creed 192

The Offertory: Create in Me 192

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.
Amen.

(Please be seated)

The Collection of the Offering

(Please stand)

The Prayer of the Church

For the Church:

Merciful God, we humbly implore You to cast the bright beams of Your light upon Your Church that we, being instructed by the doctrine of the blessed apostles, may walk in the light of Your truth and finally attain to the light of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen

For those outside the Church

Almighty and everlasting God, You desire not the death of a sinner but that all would repent and live. Hear our prayers for those outside the Church. Take away their iniquity, and turn them from their false gods to You, the living and true God. Gather them into Your holy Church to the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen

For persecuted Christians

Lord Jesus Christ, before whom all in heaven and earth shall bow, grant courage that Your children may confess Your saving name in the face of any opposition from a world hostile to the Gospel. Help them to remember Your faithful people who sacrificed much and even faced death rather than dishonor You when called upon to deny the faith. By Your Spirit, strengthen them to be faithful and confess You boldly, knowing that You will confess Your own before the Father in heaven, with whom You and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen

For those who minister in the armed forces

O Lord, almighty God, as You have always granted special gifts of the Holy Spirit to Your Church on earth, grant Your continual blessing to all who minister in Your name in the armed forces, that by Your gracious working they may honor Christ and advance the good of those committed to their care; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen

For right reception of the Lord's Supper

O Lord, our God, in Holy Baptism You have called us to be Christians and granted us the remission of sins. Make us ready to receive the most holy body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of all our sins, and grant us grateful hearts that we may give thanks to You, O Father, to Your Son, and to the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen

The Service of the Sacrament (208)

Pastor: As we approach the Lord's Table, may 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; but chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; for he is the very Paschal Lamb, which was offered for us and has taken away the sins of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and singing:

People: **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth adored; Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name. Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord; Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

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

People: **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by 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 Institution

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, 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

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

461

Lamb of God

550

Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us 851

Post-Communion Canticle 181

Post-Communion Collect 183

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

Benediction

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen!

The Recessional: The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done 464

The Postlude

† *Service Participants* †

The Officiant:	The Rev. Duncan McLellan
Pastoral Assistant:	Darren Eliker
The Organist:	Paula Gardner
The Elders:	Ken Wuerthele & Mike Sterba
The Acolytes:	Anthony Vallelunga and Mia Case
The Greeters:	Bill & Melanie Becker and Michelle Jenkins and Family
The Ushers:	Kathleen Conn, Jack Oelschlager, Ben Ivancza, & Barb Oechslein and Neil Ackerman, Steve Kovach, John Buerkle, & Brian Pasquini
Altar Guild:	Diane Schmidt, Barb Oechslein, & Megan Pasquini

