

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



*Psalm 1 compares the righteous person to a tree planted by the water.
Vincent van Gogh, 1889*

NEW YEAR'S DAY
January 1, 2012



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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The **Altar Flowers** have been given to the Glory of God by the David and Mary Hutula.

The **Eternal Light** is lit to the Glory of God by the Lemonovich Family.

Junior high and high school youth are invited to AMF Mt Lebanon on Saturday, January 14 from 2-4 for **Youth Bowling!** Cost will be under \$10.00, including food. Please RSVP to pastor@zxcb.org or tharris@zxcb.org.

Please remember to pick up your **2012 offering envelopes** from the table in the back. You may also sign up to sponsor the Eternal Light or Altar Flowers for 2012.

Food Bank Collection will be **next Sunday, January 8th**. The item of the month is packaged meals (hamburger helper, rice-a-roni, etc). Thank you for your donations on December 11th. During the December 17th distribution, 153 families were assisted which included 100 children, 207 adults, and 59 of the elderly. Your participation in this vital ministry is appreciated.

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Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church!

We begin this year by focusing on God's Word. As you have probably heard by now, we are trying to get as many people as we can to read through the Bible in a year together. As a church that has as its foundation the Word of God from the Old and New Testaments, it only makes sense that we would emphasize the reading of the Word of God in our life together.

This morning, our worship will look (and sound) a little bit different. Instead of the usual hymns, we are going to spend even more time reading and studying God's Word together.

I hope that you have prayerfully considered reading the Bible in a year individually and together in your family. This morning, we are going to help you in this venture by reading together the assigned readings for January 1. And, much like how the message on Good Friday and Christmas Eve was broken-up into several mini-sermons, we will pause through our readings to reflect and consider what God's Word is telling us.

Thank you for being here this morning and for starting your year off on the right foot by coming into God's house to listen to God's Word, receive forgiveness, and offer him your thanks and praise.

God's blessings to you in the New Year!

-Pastor Duncan

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The Divine Service of Prayer and Preaching

Please take a moment to fill out the Attendance books and let us know that you worshiped with us this morning. Thank you!

Introduction to Worship and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Pastor: Dear Lord, we want to start this year off on the right foot; we want to spend it with you. Thank you for blessing our time with you this morning. Strengthen our faith in Christ and allow us to live for you.

People: **Amen**

The Invocation

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

People: **Amen.**

(Matthew 28:18-20)

Confession and Absolution

(Hebrews 10:22)

Pastor: Father in heaven, you have called us out of darkness into your marvelous light through the gospel of Jesus Christ. You have called us to reflect your love to us in holiness and purity of living. We have missed the mark and fallen short of your will for us. Hear us as we confess our sins to you.

People: **Father in heaven, we have sinned against you continually. You have given us faith and life, the Holy Spirit and regeneration. We have misused these gifts and have selfishly lived to please only ourselves. For the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, forgive our sins and enable us to love you with all of our heart, mind, soul and strength.**

(Luke 18:13)

The Absolution (spoken by the Pastor)

People: Amen.

(John 20:19-23)

The Service of the Word

The Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 1

The righteous will stand; the wicked will fall.

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers. The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; for the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

The First Gospel Lesson: Mark 1:1-8

The way of Jesus is prepared.

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, "Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way, the voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight!'"

John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose

sandals | am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

The First Message

The Apostles’ Creed

(Please stand)

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!

The Second Gospel Lesson: Mark 1:9-20

Jesus begins his ministry.

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe the gospel."

Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men." And immediately they left their net and followed him. And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

(Please be seated)

The Second Message

The Collection of the Offering

The Third Gospel Lesson: Mark 1:21-34

Jesus begins his healing ministry.

And they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath he entered the synagogue and was teaching. And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean

spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, "What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

And immediately he left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told him about her. And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons. And the whole city was gathered together at the door. And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons. And he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

The Third Message.

The Prayer of the Church

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy.

People: **Hear our prayer.**

The Fourth Gospel Lesson: *Mark 1:35-45*

Jesus heals in public and withdraws in private.

And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed. And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, and they found him and said to him, "Everyone is looking for you." And he said to them, "Let us go on to the next

town, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out. And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons. And a leper came to him, imploring him, and kneeling said to him, "If you will, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand and touched him and said to him, "I will; be clean." And immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean. And Jesus sternly charged him and sent him away at once, and said to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, for a proof to them." But he went out and began to talk freely about it, and to spread the news, so that Jesus could no longer openly enter a town, but was out in desolate places, and people were coming to him from every quarter.

The Fourth Message.

(Please stand)

The Service of the Sacrament

Pastor: As we begin a new year, we do so with faith and hope: faith in the continued grace and mercy of God in Jesus Christ, and hope that he will continue to bless us beyond what we can ask for and imagine. Our reasons for this optimism are rooted in God's Word and the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. This Gospel comes to us now in forms of bread and wine, which are the very body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. And so as we look forward to a new year of God's blessings, we receive the gift of his Son who was crucified and died, who is risen, ascended and returning. Therefore, may the Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray:

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.**

The Words of Institution

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

People: **And also with you.**

The Sharing of the 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.

(Please stand)

Encouragement to Read the Bible in One Year.

Benediction

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: **Amen!**

† *Service Participants* †

The Officiant:	The Rev. Duncan McLellan
Pastoral Assistant:	Darren Eliker
The Organist:	Paula Gardner
The Elders:	TBD
The Acolytes:	TBD & Josiah Ackerman
The Greeters:	Bill & Melanie Becker and Clara Hayes
The Ushers:	Bill Becker, Brent Miller, Barb & Wayne Oechslein and Ross Chilcott, Sam Dragan, Robert Oelschlager, & Richard Quinlan
Altar Guild:	Elsie DallaPiazza & Jean Endler

WEEK OF January 1-8, 2012

SUNDAY 1/1 (Mark 1; Ps 1) NEW YEAR'S DAY!	8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion 10:30 AM – Worship w/Communion
MONDAY 1/2 (Mark 2; Ps 2)	6:00 AM – Men's Bible Breakfast 6&7 PM – Confirmation 7:00 PM – Trustee's Meeting 8:30 PM – Men's Football @ Beez Restaurant
TUESDAY 1/3 (Mark 3; Ps 3)	
WEDNESDAY 1/4 (Mark 4; Ps 4)	7:00 PM – Bible Study
THURSDAY 1/5 (Mark 5; Ps 5)	10:00 AM – Bible Study 7:00 PM – Choir Practice 7:30 PM – Elder's Meeting
FRIDAY 1/6 (Mark 6; Ps 6)	6:30 PM – Bowling @ AMF Mt Lebanon
SATURDAY 1/7 (Mark 7; Ps 7)	
SUNDAY 1/8 (Mark 8; Ps 8) FOOD BANK COLLECTION	8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion 9:15 AM – Bible Class/Sunday School 10:30 AM – Worship w/Communion

OUR ATTENDANCE:	Advent Four 12/21	82
	Christmas Eve 12/24	259
	Christmas Day 12/25	129

OUR OFFERINGS:	Advent Four 12/21	\$856.00
	Christmas Eve 12/24	\$4,213.00
	Christmas Day 12/25	\$2,665.00
	Year to Date	\$133,740.74