

# *Zion Lutheran Church*



*Seventh Sunday of Easter*  
*May 8<sup>st</sup> 2016*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by Megan Richards in Memory of her mother, Luella Rilius and by Shane and Sandy Bryant in Honor of Mother's Day.
- **ETERNAL LIGHT** is given by Lois Sauro in Memory of her Father.
- **WHY DO WE DO THIS?** New to the bulletin is a "Why do we do this?" explanation for one of the elements of the Service. Have you ever wondered why we have "The Invocation" or speak the words of the Creed? Each week, one of the elements of the Service will be explained so you can know why we do what we do in worship.
- **CAR WASH!** Coming June 4<sup>th</sup>, Zion is going to have a Car Wash for our members and the people of our community! Not just suds and water, we are going to do the interiors, wheels and tires too! There will be food available. And, just like it has been in the past, it is absolutely free! Come and help out, or bring your car to be cleaned. Set-up starts at 9; the Car Wash starts at 10.
- **CAVE QUEST VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** is June 20-24. Volunteer forms are located in the Narthex or at [www.zlcb.org/vbs](http://www.zlcb.org/vbs). Registration opens Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup>. Volunteer meetings is scheduled for Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. Contact Katie Gielarowski with any questions.
- **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** has started a new study, "Fight Back with Joy" join us Tuesday's from 7:30pm-8:45pm. Contact Alissa McLellan or Linda Kroeger with any questions.
- **BIBLE IN A YEAR** readings are available on our church's website and in your monthly Zion Newsletter. Join us as we read the Bible in a Year in 2016!
- **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.)
- **CHILDRENS CHOIR** is today after the late service. Kids age 7-12 are welcome! You don't need to know how to sing to be a part of this fun group; Mark will teach you!
- **ADULT CHOIR** rehearsals are Tuesdays from 6:45-7:45PM. 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!
- **MEN'S BIBLE BREAKFAST** is back on at 8:00am down in the Fellowship Hall. Hope to see you there! You don't need to be a Bible Scholar; but being hungry helps.
- **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)

# Welcome to worship!

It's hard to argue that the Prodigal Son is not one of the most popular of Jesus' parables. An ungrateful, selfish and impulsive younger son; a merciless and dour older son; and a loving, foolishly generous Father come together to tell a story about sin and forgiveness, unconditional love and human nature. Outside of the birth, death and resurrection of Christ, the scope and depth of sermons preached on this passage is unparalleled. What can be accomplished with one more sermon on Luke 15:11-32?

Inheritance. The thought of having what he did not work for or earn is the catalyst that drove the younger son to become the prodigal son. The squandering of his share of the inheritance is what compelled the older son to remain outside and not attend the feast given for him upon his return.

But in the world of the parable, what does the inheritance stand for? What does the monetary inheritance given to the younger son stand for or represent? And it is here that, I believe, we find a personally significant message in the Parable of the Prodigal Son. Not the most important message (that would be the unconditional love of the Father for a disobedient and wayward son), but one that nevertheless can teach us a good deal about who we are, what we have been given, and the risks associated with both.

I hope you enjoy our time together as we take a look at the Parable of the Prodigal Son and part of our Bible in a Year reading for today, 1 Peter 1:3-12. God bless your time in worship!

--Pastor Duncan McLellan

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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: O Worship the King***

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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***

Pastor: O Almighty God, merciful Father,

People: **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter suffering and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful; being.**

### ***Absolution Spoken by the Pastor***

***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)

### **The Service of the Word**

#### **Psalm of the Day:**

#### **Psalm 128**

Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord, who walks in his ways!

You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands;

you shall be blessed, and it shall be well with you.

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house;

your children will be like olive shoots around your table.

Behold, thus shall the man be blessed who fears the Lord.

The Lord bless you from Zion!

May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life!

May you see your children's children! Peace be upon Israel!

#### **New Testament Reading:**

#### **1 Peter 1:3-12**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully, 11 inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories. It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things into which angels long to look.

**Pastor:** In honor of our Lord Jesus Christ, we rise for the reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 15<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

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

**Gospel Reading:**

**Luke 15:11-32**

And he said, "There was a man who had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

"But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants."' And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and

before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to celebrate.

“Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.’ But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, ‘Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’ And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’”

**Pastor:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

(Please be seated)

***Sermon Hymn: Son of God, Eternal Savior***

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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 - In Remembrance - Adult Choir (8:00 am)***

### ***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: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to 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***

Why do we do this? The Sharing of the Peace is more than an opportunity to say "hi" to your friends in church; it is a time to joyfully celebrate the shared faith in our Lord Jesus Christ we have been given by our gracious heavenly Father through the Holy Spirit. In the Sharing of the Peace, we recognize that we are all one in Christ Jesus, his body, the church, and that we have all been invited to partake of the Lord's Supper in fellowship and unity with each other.



## ***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***

*How Firm a Foundation* 728

*You Are Mine – Adult Choir (8:00 am )*

*O Lord, We Praise Thee* 617

*Lord Jesus, Think on Me* 610

## ***Benediction***

**People: Amen**

***The Recessional: All People That on Earth Do Dwell*** 791

## ***Postlude***

## † *Service Participants* †

Pastor:	Rev. Duncan McLellan
Music Director:	Mark Killinger
The Organist:	Sandra Quinlan
The Pianist:	Shelley Killinger
The Elders:	Michael Kroeger & James Neill
The Acolyte:	Joey Ackerman (8:00) Anna Gresh (10:30)
The Greeters:	Jack & Jacque Oelschlager (8:00) Brian & Megan Pasquini(10:30)
The Ushers:	Kathleen Conn, Bill Schrag (8:00) Janet & Larry Zreliak Debbie Ford, Bill Koester (10:30) Lois Sauro & Ted Siek
Altar Guild:	Barb Oechslein, Diana Schmidt Megan Pasquini
Nursery:	Carla & Darla Rockovich

## **Last Week in Worship**

Sunday Worship Attendance (5/1) – 222


Wednesday Attendance (5/4) – 25

Sunday Offering (5/1) - \$7,763.00

Bell Choir Contributions - \$60.00

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

# Week of May 8<sup>th</sup> – May 15<sup>th</sup>

<p><b>SUNDAY</b> 5/8</p> 	<p>8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion            9:15 AM – Sunday School &amp; Adult Bible Study            10:30 AM – Worship w/Communion &amp; Children’s Church            11:45 AM – Children’s Choir Practice            12:00 PM – Events Committee Meeting</p>
<p><b>MONDAY</b> 5/9</p>	
<p><b>TUESDAY</b> 5/10</p>	<p>6:45 PM – Adult Choir            7:30 PM – Women’s Bible Study</p>
<p><b>WEDNESDAY</b> 5/11</p>	<p>7:00 PM – Mid Week Service</p>
<p><b>THURSDAY</b> 5/12</p>	<p>10:00 AM – Bible Study            7:30 PM – Church Council</p>
<p><b>FRIDAY</b> 5/13</p>	
<p><b>SATURDAY</b> 5/14</p>	<p>8:00 AM – Men’s Bible Breakfast</p>
<p><b>SUNDAY</b> 5/15</p>	<p>8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion            9:30 AM – Sunday School &amp; Adult Bible Study            10:30 AM – Worship w/Communion            11:45 AM – Children’s Choir Practice            11:45 AM – Board of Education Meeting            12:00 PM – Stephen Ministry            5:00 PM – Youth Event – Faini Family Dinner (Joe’s House)</p>

# Youth Event!

## Zion Youth News and Events

We're going to learn  
to cook Faini Pas

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**DATE:**  
**SUNDAY**  
**MAY 15TH, 2016**

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