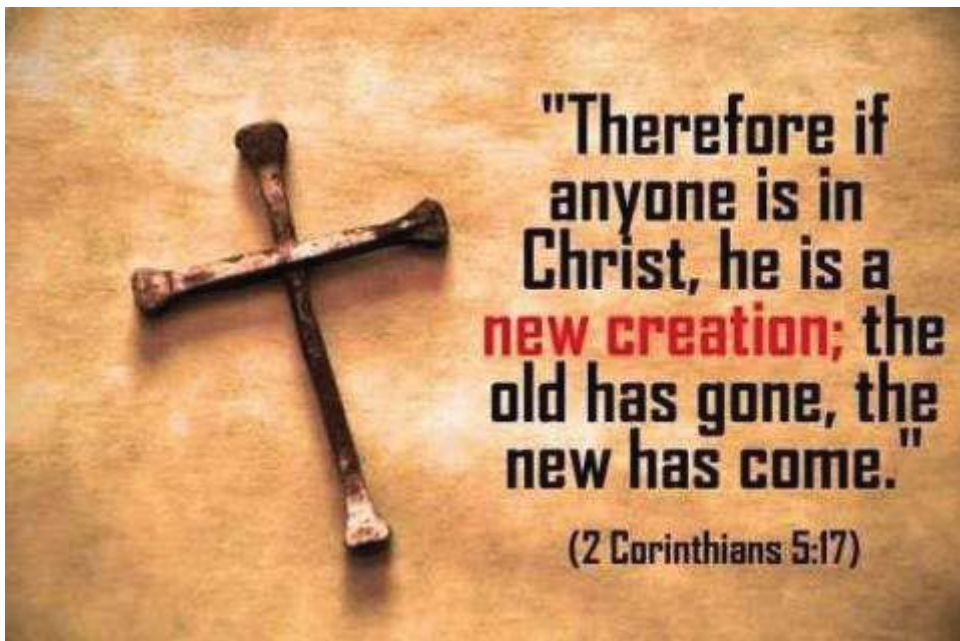


ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



Second Week of Lent
March 4th, 2015

Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church!

This evening, our Midweek Lenten theme of going Back to Basics by looking at Biblical texts that speak about the suffering of Jesus continues. We are going to take a look at the end of 2 Corinthians 5 and the first two verses of 2 Corinthians 6. But before we do that, I've got a couple of questions to ask that will help get you ready for this evening's message.

First, if someone came up to you and said, "I hear you talking a lot about the death of Jesus on the cross for my sins. What does that mean? How does the blood of Jesus in any way deal with the sin problem I have?" how would you respond? And if that same person asked you to describe what changes in your life the death of Jesus brought about, how would you answer them?

But not only are we going to take a look at what the death of Jesus means for our sins and what changes it made in our lives, but we're also going to take a look at two things the Apostle Paul says we are because of all that Jesus did for us: new creations and ambassadors. Both are gifts with privileges; and both have a very high level of responsibility.

There's a lot going on in worship this evening! Glad you are here and made the wise decision to make worship, Scripture, fellowship and prayer a priority in your life!

All the best,

Pastor Duncan

Rev. Duncan McLellan, Pastor

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Service of the Word

The Prelude

Announcements

(please stand)

Opening Hymn: We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died 429

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.**

The Absolution

The Prayers

Pastor: ...Lord, in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

The Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:16 – 6:2

From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For he says, “In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you.” Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God**

(Please be seated)

Sermon Hymn: Were You There

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Sermon

The Offering

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Pastor: Finally, brothers, rejoice. Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of our Lord Jesus

Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: Amen!

The Recessional: Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng

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The Postlude

† *Service Participants* †

Pastor:	Rev. Duncan McLellan
Organist:	Sandra Quinlan
Elders:	Peter Fisher & Rob Oelschlager
Acolyte	Elder
Ushers:	Josh Gielarowski, Dale Miller, Barb & Wayne Oechslein Ross Chilcott, Sam Dragan, Dan Harris & Chuch LaJeunesse
Altar Guild:	Janet, Marian & Molly Oelschlager