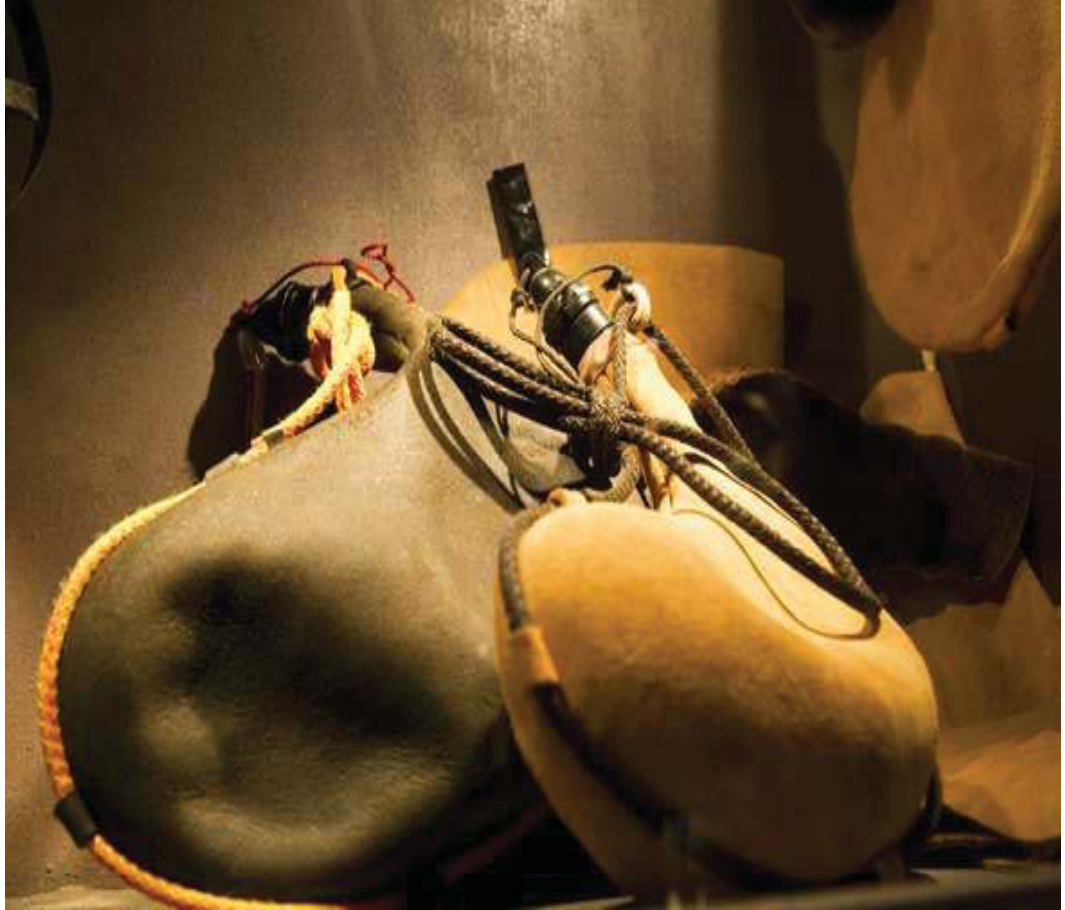


ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



Service of Prayer and Preaching
Mark 2



ANNOUNCEMENTS

IDEAS, PLEASE! We're looking for ideas for sermon series themes for 2015. If you have a topic, book, doctrine, issue, or area of interest that you would like to hear a sermon (or sermons) on, please let Pastor Duncan know. Thanks!

NEW DIRECTORY! It's been four years since we had our last Church Directory done; it's time for a new one. Family portraits will be taken 11/19-22; sign-ups are going on as you read this! We will have someone on Sunday available to help you sign-up for a time.

WHAT'S NEXT? The sanctuary has been renovated, we have air conditioning, and we added a Music Director. What's next for Zion? The next project we have in store is to renovate the kitchen. Look for more information about our Kitchen Refresh in the monthly newsletter, in bulletins (like this one) and on-line.

ZION'S GOT TALENT. Do you like to sing? Do other people like it when you sing? Does your shower listen to you sing? There are sign-up sheets in the narthex area for the Adult Choir and Youth Choir at Zion! There's also a place for you to sign-up if you can play a musical instrument (or instruments). We are expanding our music ministry and we want YOU to be a part of it! More information will be available in Zion's monthly newsletter and on-line.

VOTERS' MEETING. We have our quarterly Voters' Meeting this Sunday starting at 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall. We'll be electing officers for the 2015 year as well as getting a picture of where the church is... and where she is going.

MEN'S RETREAT. Attention men, mark your calendars! We're going back to Camp Pioneer for our second men's retreat November 13-16th. We'll be talking about men's issues and what it's like for us to stand out as Christians in the world. The cost is \$150 (Thursday-Sunday) or \$125 (Friday-Sunday) plus the cost for breakfasts and dinners. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex area.

FREE COFFEE FRIDAY. We need your help! Before we can give away coffee and doughnuts, we need a design for the coffee mugs. We're looking for something—a verse or a phrase, along with an attractive design that can go on the coffee cups we'll be using for Free Coffee Friday. You e-mail your designs to Pastor Duncan or the Church Office: pastor@zlc.org or secretary@zlc.org We'll be taking ideas through the end of the year. Thanks for your help and being a part of Free Coffee Friday!!

The Service of Prayer and Preaching

Introduction to Worship

The Invocation

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

People: **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ: as we prepare to listen to God's Word, profess our faith in him as he has been revealed to us in Scripture, and call upon him with our prayers, let us first confess our sins and receive his forgiveness.

People: **Father in heaven, thank you for giving me both the time and desire to come to church this evening to listen to your word and spend time with you in prayer. But if I were to listen to you now, I would be distracted by my sins and iniquities by which I have offended you and hurt my neighbor. And so, in order that I may worship you with a clean conscience and without distraction, I ask that you would forgive my sins, blot out my iniquities, and remove all that would separate me from you as far as the east is from the west. Have mercy on me, in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Absolution Spoken by the Pastor
(Please be seated)

The Reading: Mark 2:18-22

Now John's disciples and the Pharisees were fasting. And people came and said to him, "Why do John's disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?" And Jesus said to them, "Can the wedding guests fast while the bridegroom is with them? As long as they have the bridegroom with them, they cannot fast. The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast in that day. No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment. If he does, the patch tears away from it, the new from the old, and a worse tear is made. And no one puts new wine into old wineskins. If he does, the wine will

burst the skins—and the wine is destroyed, and so are the skins. But new wine is for fresh wineskins.”

Sermon

(Please stand)

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.

And on the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers

For the prayers this evening, you are invited to come to the Communion Rail and kneel. In between the petitions, we will observe silence while we pray to the Lord from our heart.

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord:

Pastor: For the activities of the church, especially the upcoming Harvestfest: that they would be used by our Lord to create and strengthen faith in Jesus Christ. Let us pray.

Pastor: For our families: that we would be good examples for them and that they would be led to greater faith and obedience, experience the joy of their salvation, and trust in Christ for all things. Let us pray.

Pastor: For our friends and acquaintances: that our witness to them in word and deed would be used by the Holy Spirit for the glory of God. Let us pray.

Pastor: For people we know who are ill: that the Lord would grant them healing from their afflictions. Let us pray.

Pastor: For the lonely: that they would enjoy fellowship with God and that our Lord would bless them with companionship. Let us pray.

Pastor: For those who grieve: that the Lord would strengthen their faith in him, the forgiveness of sins and resurrection unto eternal life, and that he would turn their mourning to joy in his time. Let us pray.

Pastor: For our brothers and sisters in Christ who faithfully witness to the resurrection and the love of God in Christ Jesus. Let us pray.

Pastor: For the concerns we have in our hearts. Let us pray.

Pastor: Taught by our Lord and trusting in his promises, we are bold 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 Benediction