

# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



*"The One Who humbles himself will be exalted"*

*Seventeenth Sunday After Trinity  
October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014*



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by Paul and Theresa Hayes in Honor of their Wedding Anniversary and Kathleen and Wayne Conn I Honor of their Wedding Anniversary.

**ETERNAL LIGHT** is given by Bart Fleishchmann's parents in his memory.

**ZION'S GOT TALENT!** Musical talent, that is. There are sign-up sheets for our Chancel Choir, Youth Choir (3-8<sup>th</sup> grade) and Instrumental Music in the narthex area. Children's Choir will begin immediately after late service in the pre-school lobby. Rehearsal will last approx. 1/2 hr. See Mark Killinger if you have any questions.

**ZION LIONS SOFTBALL!** Yes, you read that right. We have a scrimmage game at Pleasant Valley Elementary on 10/25 starting at 11:00am. Softball in October. We're that good.

**WHO ARE THESE PEOPLE?!** It's been four years since our last Church Directory and it's time for a new one. Mark your calendar for November 19-22, the days when family portraits will be taken for the directory. Sign-ups have begun. Go to

<http://www.zlcb.org/home/2014/9/30/zions-photo-directory.html> for registration instructions. You can also sign-up for a time following the service in the back of the sanctuary.

**COLLEGE STUDENT ADDRESSES!** If you have a college student we would love to send them a care package. Please email [secretary@zlcb.org](mailto:secretary@zlcb.org) with their address by October 21<sup>st</sup>.

**ZION LEAGUE BOWLING** Did you want to joining the Zion bowling league, but nobody asked you? Even though the season has started, we still have room for two more bowlers. There are 16 sessions left, plus our bowling banquet. If you're interested in bowling, please talk to Jim or Janet Oelschlager or email Jim at [oelsch@verizon.net](mailto:oelsch@verizon.net) or Janet at [nanao2710@yahoo.com](mailto:nanao2710@yahoo.com).

**MEN'S RETREAT.** Men, mark your calendars from November 13-16<sup>th</sup> for our Fall Men's Retreat. We'll be headed up to Camp Pioneer (a 3 hour drive from church) for a weekend of fellowship and devotion, Bible study and relaxation as we look at what it means to stand out in our world as a Christian man. All ages are welcome. Look for a sign-up sheet and additional information in the Narthex. The cost is \$125 for Friday-Sunday and \$150 for Thursday-Sunday plus the costs for breakfasts and dinners.

**GOT CARE?** Walking on the narrow path of faith is hard. Sometimes we need a brother or sister in Christ to come along side us when we are going through the valleys. If you are going through hard times, please consider having a Stephen Minister walk with you, providing you with the Christ-centered care. Talk to Pastor Duncan or Kristen Neill if you would like to know more about having a Stephen Minister.

**NEED PRAYER?** Stephen Ministers and Elders will be available to pray with or for you following the Service in the chancel area.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** is on Tuesday's from 7:30-8:45 pm! Ruth: Love, Loss and Legacy. Ruth's journey of unbearable loss, redeeming love, and divine legacy comes alive in Kelly Minter's Ruth: Loss, Love and Legacy-the second study in the Living Room Series. This 6-week Bible study delves into the virtuous character of Ruth, her unique relationship with her mother-in-law Naomi, and her blossoming love with Boaz. If you've ever felt devastated, struggled as a stranger, longed to be loved, or wept along the way, you'll find a loyal sister in Ruth. Contact Alissa McLellan with questions. All are welcome! Bring your friends!

**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!

What's the most embarrassing thing you've ever seen at a wedding reception? Does an inappropriate toast crack your Top 5? How about some wedding crashers? If that's the best you can do, I've got you beat. On January 1, 2009, I officiated the wedding of a member of my church. In New York City. Live, on MTV. As part of their "Bridal Bowl," a member of my congregation, her husband, and three other couples got married in front of a TV audience estimated to be close to 3,000,000. (Interestingly, MTV paid my way, put me up in a nice hotel and let me preach whatever I wanted to, so long as I stayed within their time limits. The Gospel was proclaimed and sent out nationwide courtesy of the channel that also brought you Beavis and Butthead.)

One of the couples stood out more than the rest. She was a drama queen. He was into his physique. She told him on the day of the reception: "whatever you do, don't wear the muscle-tux." Secretly, I hoped that he would, as I had never seen a "muscle-tux" and recognized that this might be my one and only opportunity to do so in this life. Mr. Universe did not disappoint. Well, he didn't disappoint me. He did, unfortunately, disappoint his bride, who glared disapprovingly at him during their now-awkward wedding ceremony. Men, when you are having one of "those" conversations with your wives, you have my permission to say the words: "at least I didn't wear the muscle tux."

What made the reception awkward was that the bride decided that, instead of joining her for-better-or-worse husband, she was going to spend the next several hours locked in the Green Room, sobbing uncontrollably. Embarrassing. But not nearly as embarrassing as the scene at a wedding banquet described in Luke 14. Not by a long shot.

I hope you enjoy your time in worship this morning as we take a look at what has to be the most awkward and embarrassing wedding reception as Jesus teaches Pharisees, his disciples and you about true humility.

-Pastor Duncan

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# The Divine Service

(Please take a moment to fill out the Attendance books. 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!)

## *Introduction to Worship and Announcements*

**Opening Hymn:** O Savior, Precious Savior

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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:** 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.**

## *Absolution Spoken by the Pastor*

**People:** Amen.

## ***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***

Pastor: ... Lord, in your mercy.

**People: Hear our prayer.**

(Please be seated)

## **The Service of the Word**

### **The Old Testament Reading: Proverbs 25:6-14**

Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence

or stand in the place of the great,

for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"

than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

What your eyes have seen

do not hastily bring into court,

for what will you do in the end,

when your neighbor puts you to shame?

Argue your case with your neighbor himself,

and do not reveal another's secret,

lest he who hears you bring shame upon you,  
and your ill repute have no end.

A word fitly spoken

is like apples of gold in a setting of silver.

Like a gold ring or an ornament of gold

is a wise reprover to a listening ear.

Like the cold of snow in the time of harvest

is a faithful messenger to those who send him;

he refreshes the soul of his masters.

Like clouds and wind without rain

is a man who boasts of a gift he does not give.

### **The New Testament Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6**

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

(Please stand)

**Pastor:** In honor of our Lord Jesus Christ, we rise for the reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 14<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

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

### **The Gospel Reading: Luke 14:1-11**

One Sabbath, when he went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?" But they remained silent. Then he took him and

healed him and sent him away. And he said to them, “Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?” And they could not reply to these things.

Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, “When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, and he who invited you both will come and say to you, ‘Give your place to this person,’ and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher.’ Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

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

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

(Please be seated)

### ***The Children’s Message (10:30)***

***Sermon Hymn:*** All People that on Earth Do Dwell

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### ***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.

(Please be seated)

### ***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.

***Children's Choir: Make Joyful Music***

***(10:30)***

(Please stand)

## **The Service of the Sacrament**

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***

***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***

Have No Fear, Little Flock	735
We Give Thee but Thine Own	781
Lord Who's Love Through Humble Service	848

(Please stand)

### ***Prayer of Thanksgiving***

**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***

**People:** Amen

***The Recessional:*** Sent Forth by God's Blessing 64

## † *Service Participants* †

Pastor:	The Rev. Duncan McLellan
Music Director:	Mark Killinger
The Organist:	Sandra Quinlan
The Elders:	John Gielarowski and Rob Oelschlager
The Acolyte:	Jennifer Fitzgerald (8:00) Augie Bishop (10:30)
The Greeters:	Peter and Barbara Fisher (8:00) Michael and Debbie Sterba (10:30)
The Ushers:	Kathleen Conn, Bill Schrag, and Janet and Larry Zreliak (8:00) Steve Gauger, Josh Gielarowski, Neil Ackerman, Ross Chilcott, and Kari and John Gresh (10:30)
Altar Guild:	Judy Meier, Marianne Miller and Millie Thielet

### **Last Week in Worship**

Sunday Worship Attendance (10/5) – 215

Midweek Attendance (10/8) – 14

Offerings (10/5) – \$5933.10

# Week of Oct 12 - 19

<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>10/5</b>	8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion 9:15AM – Bible Study/ Sunday School 10:30AM – Worship w/Communion
<b>MONDAY</b> <b>10/6</b>	7:00PM – EGAF (Interaction Committee- Conf. Rm) 8:00PM – Mon. Night Football & Fellowship @ Pizzaz
<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>10/7</b>	7:30PM – Women’s Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>10/8</b>	7:00PM – Prayer and Preaching
<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>10/9</b>	10:00AM – Bible Study (Conference Room) 7:00PM – Choir Practice (Choir Loft)
<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>10/10</b>	
<b>SATURDAY</b> <b>10/11</b>	8:00AM – Men’s Bible Breakfast
<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>10/12</b>	8:00 AM – Worship w/ Communion 9:15AM – Bible Study/ Sunday School 10:30AM – Worship w/ Communion