

# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



*Sixth Sunday after Epiphany  
February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015*



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by Ron & Judy Meier in Honor of their Wedding Anniversary and The Klemash Family in Memory of Loved Ones.

**ETERNAL LIGHT** is given by the Vallelunga Family To the Glory of our God.

**“ALL IN.”** That’s the theme for the upcoming men’s retreat at Camp Pioneer. Mark your calendars for April 16-19<sup>th</sup>; registration forms are available in the Narthex area.

**IT’S A WR@P.** Look for details in February’s Newsletter, but mark your calendar today for our first **Women’s Retreat @ Pioneer**, May 1<sup>st</sup>- 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**FREE COFFEE FRIDAY!** We’re looking for volunteers for Free Coffee Friday and we can use your help. Our goal is to remind people of the love of God for them in Jesus as they drive to work. (And, hopefully, throughout the day.) Our first Free Coffee Friday will be February 13<sup>th</sup> from 7-8am. If you are interested in helping out, please come to church this Friday @ 6:30 to help set-up and serve!

**OPERATION STARS & STRIPES** was a huge success! The children assembled 277 bags of love (plus lots of extras) that will be shipped to our troops overseas! Recipients of these bags will not only receive snacks, but will also receive the message of how much Jesus loves and cares for them. Thank you to all who donated items and helped with assembly and shipping.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** February Mission and Outreach month will wrap up with a trip to Broadmore Senior Facility next Sunday. Children will sing songs, pray and tell the message of God’s love for us (John 3: 16). Please include the Sunday school children in your prayers as they practice telling the good news of the Gospel to others.

**GOT CARE?** Life is full of unexpected events that catch us off guard, make us grieve, shake our understanding of how the world works, leave us feeling lonely, or take us to any number of places we simply don’t want to go. If you need the hand of a brother or sister in Christ to help you get through the difficult seasons of life, we can help! Talk to Pastor Duncan or Kristen Neill to see if Stephen Ministry is right for you!

**???????** If you have questions about what you heard in this morning’s sermon, or about the topic we discussed, fill out the insert and put it in the Offering Plate. Your question will be answered on Wednesday’s service and posted online.

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

**MEN’S AND WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY** continues this week. We’re studying the book of Galatians and it’s not too late to join in the fun. The men meet on Saturday, 8:00am in the Fellowship Hall; the women on Tuesday at 7:30pm in the same place. Join us! All are welcome...

**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!

This morning our focus in our Back to Basics Series is on the 6<sup>th</sup> Commandment: You Shall not Commit Adultery. And somewhere the Sovereign God of the Universe smiles that we are looking at the Commandment the day after “50 Shades” hit the theaters. This Commandment, like the ones before it, covers a wide range of topics all having to do with relationships and attraction.

We’re going to do our best to cover the main points, so if you have questions about this Commandment that don’t get answered in the sermon, please don’t hesitate to use the Question form (in pink) and put it in the offering plate. I’ll do my best to answer your question at our midweek service on the 25<sup>th</sup>, as the 18<sup>th</sup> is our Ash Wednesday Service. (You can listen to the midweek sermons online at [zlcb.org](http://zlcb.org)).

In explaining what the 6<sup>th</sup> Commandment means, Luther says we are to lead a “sexually pure and decent life.” But what does this mean, and how do we live this way? We’ll take a look at the origin of marriage; how we can safeguard our relationships against sexual sin; and what the Bible says about things like cohabitation, premarital sex, and pornography. We’ll also take a look at why Paul likens our relationship to Christ with a wife’s relationship to a loving husband.

We’ve got a lot of ground to cover this morning! God bless your time in worship...

-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:** Songs of Thanksgiving and Praise 394

### *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.

*My soul rejoices, my spirit voices—Sing the greatness of the Lord!  
For God my Savior has shown me favor—Sing the greatness of the Lord!  
With praise and blessing, join in confessing  
God, who is solely mighty and holy—O sing the greatness of God the Lord!  
His mercy surely shall rest securely  
On all who fear Him, love and revere Him—O sing the greatness of God the Lord!*

*His arm now baring, His strength declaring—Sing the greatness of the Lord!  
The proud He scatters, their rule He shatters—Sing the greatness of the Lord!  
Oppression halted; the meek exalted.  
Full are the hungry; empty the wealthy—O sing the greatness of God the Lord!  
Here is the token all that was spoken  
To Abraham's offspring God is fulfilling—O sing the greatness of God the Lord!*

### **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 7**

My son, be attentive to my wisdom; incline your ear to my understanding, that you may keep discretion, and your lips may guard knowledge. For the lips of a forbidden woman drip honey, and her speech is smoother than oil, but in the end she is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a two-edged sword. Her feet go down to death; her steps follow the path to Sheol; she does not ponder the path of life; her ways wander, and she does not know it. And now, O sons, listen to me, and do not depart from the words of my mouth. Keep your way far from her, and do not go near the door of her house, lest you give your honor to others and your years to the merciless, lest strangers take their fill of your strength, and your labors go to the house of a foreigner, and at the end of your life you groan, when your flesh and body are consumed, and you say, "How I hated discipline, and my heart despised reproof! I did

not listen to the voice of my teachers or incline my ear to my instructors. I am at the brink of utter ruin in the assembled congregation.” Drink water from your own cistern, flowing water from your own well. Should your springs be scattered abroad, streams of water in the streets? Let them be for yourself alone, and not for strangers with you. Let your fountain be blessed, and rejoice in the wife of your youth, a lovely deer, a graceful doe. Let her breasts fill you at all times with delight; be intoxicated always in her love. Why should you be intoxicated, my son, with a forbidden woman and embrace the bosom of an adulteress? For a man's ways are before the eyes of the Lord, and he ponders all his paths. The iniquities of the wicked ensnare him, and he is held fast in the cords of his sin. He dies for lack of discipline, and because of his great folly he is led astray.

## **The New Testament Reading: 1 Corinthians 5**

It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and of a kind that is not tolerated even among pagans, for a man has his father's wife. And you are arrogant! Ought you not rather to mourn? Let him who has done this be removed from among you.

For though absent in body, I am present in spirit; and as if present, I have already pronounced judgment on the one who did such a thing. When you are assembled in the name of the Lord Jesus and my spirit is present, with the power of our Lord Jesus, you are to deliver this man to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord.

Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

I wrote to you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people—not at all meaning the sexually immoral of this world, or the greedy and swindlers, or

idolaters, since then you would need to go out of the world. But now I am writing to you not to associate with anyone who bears the name of brother if he is guilty of sexual immorality or greed, or is an idolater, reviler, drunkard, or swindler—not even to eat with such a one. For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Is it not those inside the church whom you are to judge? God judges those outside. “Purge the evil person from among you.”

**Pastor:** In honor of our Lord Jesus Christ, we rise for the reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 19<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

### **The Gospel Reading: Matthew 19:1-12**

Now when Jesus had finished these sayings, he went away from Galilee and entered the region of Judea beyond the Jordan. And large crowds followed him, and he healed them there.

And Pharisees came up to him and tested him by asking, “Is it lawful to divorce one’s wife for any cause?” He answered, “Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female, and said, ‘Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh’? So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.” They said to him, “Why then did Moses command one to give a certificate of divorce and to send her away?” He said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart Moses allowed you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so. And I say to you: whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery.”

The disciples said to him, “If such is the case of a man with his wife, it is better not to marry.” But he said to them, “Not everyone can receive this saying, but only those to whom it is given. For there are eunuchs who have been so from birth, and there are eunuchs who have been made eunuchs by men, and there are eunuchs who have made themselves eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. Let the one who is able to receive this receive it.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

(Please be seated)

### ***Children's Message*** (10:30)

***Sermon Hymn:*** O Word of God Incarnate

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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 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)

### ***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: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this



cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

**Pastor:** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

**People:** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**Pastor:** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So 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.**

**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***

I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table	618
In god, My Faithful God	745
We Give Thee But Thine Own	781

(Please stand)

### ***Benediction***

**People:**           **Amen**

<b><i>The Recessional:</i></b> The Church's One Foundation	644
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## † *Service Participants* †

Pastor:	The Rev. Duncan McLellan
Music Director:	Mark Killinger
The Organist:	Sandra Quinlan
The Elders:	Paul Klemash & Mike Sterba
The Acolyte:	Nathan Morgan (8:00) Carley Rockovich (10:30)
The Greeters:	Wayne & Barb Oechslein (8:00) Darren & Jennifer Elikor & Family (10:30)
The Ushers:	Melanie & Bill Becker, Shane Bryant & Michael Kozak (8:00) Vince Kimberland, Kitt Kroeger, Linda Kroeger & Richard Quinlan (10:30)
Altar Guild:	Janet, Marian & Molly Oelschlager, Sarah Ali

### **Last Week in Worship**

Sunday Worship Attendance (2/8) - 192

Midweek Attendance (2/11) - 19

Offering (2/8) - \$7,294.94

## Week of Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> – Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>

<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>2/15</b>	8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion 9:15 AM – Bible Class / Sunday School 10:30 AM–Worship w/Communion 11:45 AM – Children’s Choir Practice 11:45 AM – Women’s Retreat Information Meeting
<b>MONDAY</b> <b>2/16</b>	
<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>2/17</b>	7:30 PM – Women’s Bible Study
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>2/18</b>	7:00 PM – Ash Wednesday Service
<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>2/19</b>	10:00 AM – Bible Study 7:00 PM – Choir Practice
<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>2/20</b>	7:00-8:00 AM – Free Coffee Friday
<b>SATURDAY</b> <b>2/21</b>	8:00 AM – Men’s Bible Breakfast
<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>2/22</b>	8:00 AM – Worship w/ Communion 9:15 AM – Bible Study / Sunday School 10:30 AM – Worship w/ Communion & Children’s Church 11:45 PM – Children’s Choir Practice