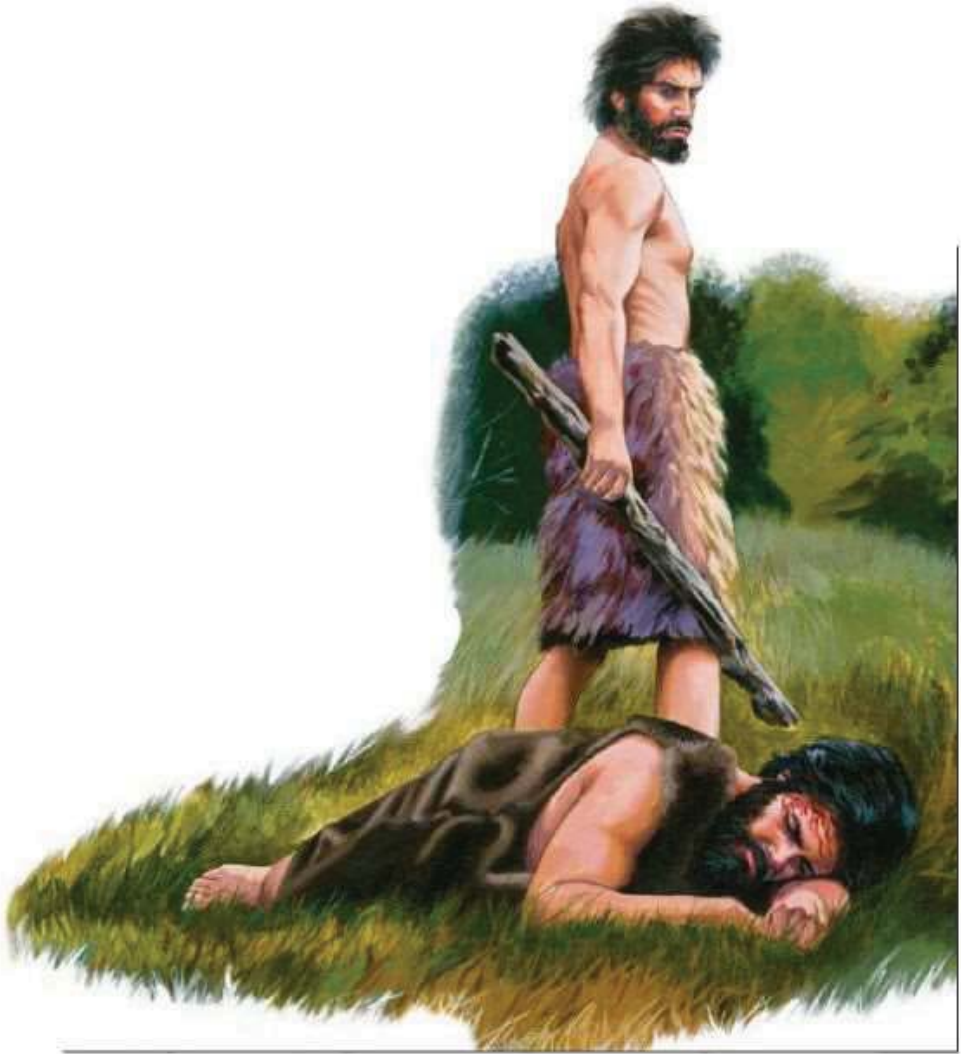


ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



Service of Prayer and Preaching
Genesis 4:1 -16



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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; look for a sign-up sheet in the narthex area in the next several weeks.

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.

OKTOBERFEST VI is this Sunday! Come out for an afternoon of fun and fellowship, games and food. Starting at 3:30, our 6th Annual Oktoberfest will be an event you won't want to miss. Proceeds will go to improve the ministry of our Preschool and to upcoming outreach and assimilation events.

TWO SERVICES. You'll get "your" pew back this Sunday, as we go back to two worship services. 8:00 and 10:30 for worship; 9:15 for Sunday School and Adult Bible Class.

CONFIRMATION. Want to help our young people learn the basics of the Christian faith? Want to review the basics of the faith? We can use your help this year with our Confirmation Instruction. Talk to Pastor Duncan if you are interested in helping out. (Please be interested in helping out. -Pastor Duncan)

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.**

Service of Light

Pastor: Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,

People: **the light no darkness can overcome.**

Pastor: Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,

People: **and the day is almost over.**

Pastor: Let Your light scatter the darkness

People: **and illumine Your Church.**

Pastor: Joyous light of glory:

People: **of the immortal Father; heavenly, holy, blessed Jesus Christ. We have come to the setting of the sun, and we look to the evening light. We sing to God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit: You are worthy of being praised with pure voices for ever. O Son of God, O Giver of life: the universe proclaims Your glory.**

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of the universe, who led Your people by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night.

Enlighten our darkness by the light of Your Christ; may His Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for You are merciful, and You love Your whole creation and we, Your creatures, glorify You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Responsive Reading: Psalm 141

Pastor: Let my prayer rise before You as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

People: **O Lord, I call to You; come to me quickly; hear my voice when I cry to You.**

Pastor: Let my prayer rise before You as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

People: Set a watch before my mouth, O Lord, and guard the door of my lips. Let not my heart incline to any evil thing; let me not be occupied in wickedness with evildoers.

Pastor: But my eyes are turned to You, O God; in You I take refuge. Strip me not of my life.

People: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Pastor: Let my prayer rise before You as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

(Please be seated)

The Reading: Genesis 4:1-16

Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, "I have gotten a man with the help of the Lord." And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground. In the course of time Cain brought to the Lord an offering of the fruit of the ground, and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the Lord had regard for Abel and his offering, but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. The Lord said to Cain, "Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, but you must rule over it." Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. Then the Lord said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?" And the Lord said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground. And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth." Cain said to the Lord, "My punishment is greater than I can bear. Behold, you have driven me today away from the ground, and from your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me." Then the Lord said to him, "Not so! If anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on

him sevenfold.” And the Lord put a mark on Cain, lest any who found him should attack him. Then Cain went away from the presence of the Lord and settled in the land of Nod, east of Eden.

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.

The Prayers

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For our congregation, that we would be diligent students of Scripture,
faithful in practicing our faith, quick to show mercy and slow to anger, let us
pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For our brothers and sisters in Christ who labor under adverse conditions,
that their faithful witness to the truth of the Gospel would bear the fruit of
repentance and faith in the lives of their family, friends and those who
persecute them, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For members of our congregation who have been blessed with musical gifts
and abilities, that they would consider how they might use their gifts in
service to their Lord and His body, the church, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For missionaries throughout the world, that they would be blessed to see you at work through what they do, keep them safe, and all them to cling to Christ for all their needs, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the Vicarage Program in our Synod, that it would continue to be used to equip men for the office of the public ministry, be a blessing to the congregations who are involved, and lead people to faith in Jesus Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For... let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the faithful who have gone before us and are with Christ, let us give thanks to the Lord:

People: Alleluia! Amen.

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