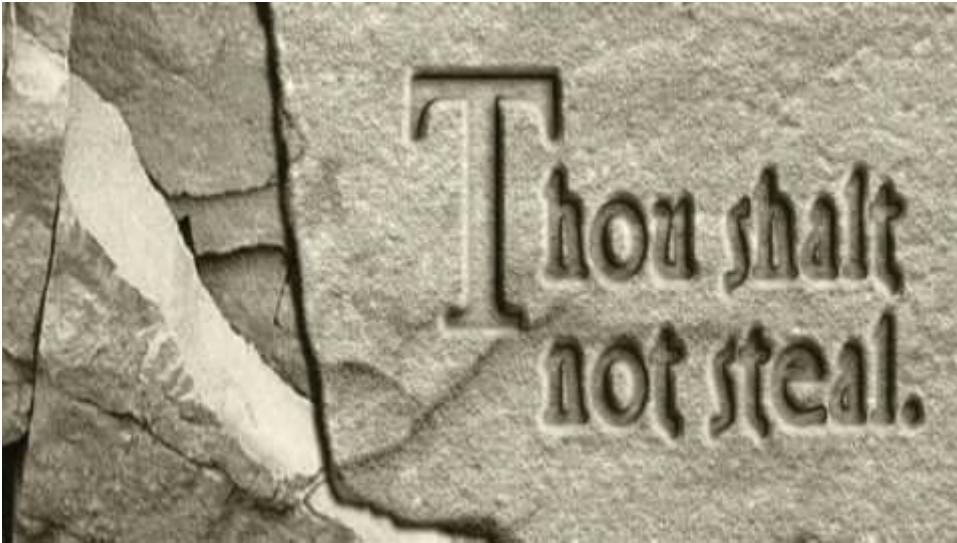


# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



First Sunday in Lent  
February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by Kim Erbrecht in Honor of Tom & Sarah Erbrecht and Kathy Pallaria's birthdays and Elsie DallaPiazza To the Glory of God.

**ETERNAL LIGHT** is given by the Vallelunga Family To the Glory of 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 March'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!** Come join us this Friday in the church parking lot (at 7am), or in the church kitchen (6:30am) for Free Coffee Friday. We'll be giving away coffee and doughnuts and the good news of Jesus. Hope to see you here, this Friday @ 6:30 or 7:00am!!

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** The 1st meeting is this Tuesday at 6:30 pm for anyone interested in leading a station. Stations currently available are: Storytelling; Games, KidVid Cinema; Music; Opening/Closing Skits; and Nursery. Please email Katie Gielarowski to sign up at [winechick123@gmail.com](mailto:winechick123@gmail.com).

**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!

You shall not steal. Simple enough, right? Yes and no. Well, compared to the mountain of material we covered last week (You shall not commit adultery), it is. But there's more to this Commandment than you might think. Not just a prohibition against bank robbery and taking gum from convenience stores, this Commandment also covers things like our work ethic, financial stewardship, and benevolence towards others.

It's no secret that I like to find "deals" on cars, and many of you look for "deals" for things like jeans and shoes, purses and I-don't-know-what-else. But when is a deal a deal, and when is it stealing? Have we become so obsessed at finding the best price for things that we forsake the flip-side of this Commandment (as Luther explains it) to look out for our neighbors possessions and income? Too often, we are concerned only with our financial well-being and not the well-being of our neighbors.

I hope that you will be encouraged and challenged by what we discover this morning as we take a closer look at the 7<sup>th</sup> Commandment: You shall not steal. But more than that, I hope you will see just how our Lord Jesus Christ has fulfilled this Commandment by looking out for our well-being in laying down his life for us and opening the door for us to everlasting life!

God bless your time in worship this morning!

-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, 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:** Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing 421

### *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.

**The Office Hymn** 433

*Glory be to Jesus, who in bitter pains poured for me the lifeblood from His sacred veins!  
Grace and life eternal in that blood I find; blest be His compassion, infinitely kind!  
Blest through endless ages be the precious stream which from endless torment did the world redeem!*

*Abel's blood for vengeance pleaded to the skies; but the blood of Jesus for our pardon cries.*

*Oft as earth exulting wafts its praise on high, angel hosts rejoicing make their glad reply.*

*Lift we, then, our voices, swell the mighty flood; louder still and louder praise the precious blood!*

## ***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 30:7-9**

Two things I ask of you; deny them not to me before I die: Remove far from me falsehood and lying; give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with the food that is needful for me, lest I be full and deny you and say, "Who is the Lord?" or lest I be poor and steal and profane the name of my God.

### **The New Testament Reading: Acts 5: 1-11**

But a man named Ananias, with his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property, and with his wife's knowledge he kept back for himself some of the proceeds and brought only a part of it and laid it at the apostles' feet. But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back for yourself part of the proceeds of the land? While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not at your disposal? Why is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You have not lied to man but to God." When Ananias heard these words, he fell down and breathed his last. And great fear came upon all who heard of it. The young men rose and wrapped him up and carried him out and buried him.

After an interval of about three hours his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. And Peter said to her, "Tell me whether you sold the land for so much." And she said, "Yes, for so much." But Peter said to her, "How is it that you have

agreed together to test the Spirit of the Lord? Behold, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out.” Immediately she fell down at his feet and breathed her last. When the young men came in they found her dead, and they carried her out and buried her beside her husband. And great fear came upon the whole church and upon all who heard of these things.

**Pastor:** In honor of our Lord Jesus Christ, we rise for the reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

### **The Gospel Reading: John 12:1-8**

Six days before the Passover, Jesus therefore came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. So they gave a dinner for him there. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those reclining with him at table. Mary therefore took a pound of expensive ointment made from pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (he who was about to betray him), said, “Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?” He said this, not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief, and having charge of the moneybag he used to help himself to what was put into it. Jesus said, “Leave her alone, so that she may keep it for the day of my burial. For the poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me. ”

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

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

(Please be seated)

### ***Sunday School Children Singing (10:30)***

### ***Children’s Church (10:30)***

(Children ages Preschool - 6 may leave with Alissa to go to Children’s Church)

***Sermon Hymn:*** Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain

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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***

Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face	631
Lamb of God, Pure and Holy	434
O God, Forsake Me Not	731

(Please stand)

### ***Benediction***

**People:            Amen**

***The Recessional: My Faith Looks Up to Thee*** 702

### **† Service Participants †**

Pastor:	The Rev. Duncan McLellan
Music Director:	Mark Killinger
The Organist:	Sandra Quinlan
The Elders:	Paul Klemash & Mike Sterba
The Acolyte:	Chris Yellig (8:00) Lara Luedeman (10:30)
The Greeters:	Shane & Sandy Bryant (8:00) Janet & Marian Oelschlager (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 (2/15) – 183  
Ash Wednesday Attendance (2/18) – 70  
Offering (2/15) – \$4,270.00

## Week of Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> – March 1<sup>st</sup>

<b>SUNDAY</b> <i>2/22</i>	8:00 AM – Worship w/Communion 9:15 AM – Bible Class / Sunday School 10:30 AM–Worship w/Communion & Children’s Church 11:45 AM – Children’s Choir Practice
<b>MONDAY</b> <i>2/23</i>	
<b>TUESDAY</b> <i>2/24</i>	7:30 PM – Women’s Bible Study
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <i>2/25</i>	7:00 PM – Lenten Service
<b>THURSDAY</b> <i>2/26</i>	10:00 AM – Bible Study 7:00 PM – Choir Practice
<b>FRIDAY</b> <i>2/27</i>	7:00-8:00 AM – Free Coffee Friday 6:30 PM – Bowling @ AMF Mt. Lebanon
<b>SATURDAY</b> <i>2/28</i>	8:00 AM – Men’s Bible Breakfast
<b>SUNDAY</b> <i>3/1</i>	8:00 AM – Worship w/ Communion 9:15 AM – Bible Study / Sunday School 10:30 AM – Worship w/ Communion 11:45 PM – Children’s Choir Practice