

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



Third Sunday in Lent
March 8th, 2015



ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Irene Bourg in Memory of Loved Ones and Michael & Deborah Sterba in Memory of Stanley Sterba & Glenn Heslop Sr.

ETERNAL LIGHT is given by The Vallelunga Family to the Glory of God.

SPECIAL VOTERS MEETING will be held on March 22nd between services. We will be discussing Youth Ministry.

“ALL IN.” That’s the theme for the upcoming men’s retreat at Camp Pioneer.

Mark your calendars for April 16-19th; registration forms and a sign-up sheet are in the Narthex area.

IT’S A WR@P. Mark your calendar today for our first **Women’s Retreat @ Pioneer**, May 1st- 3rd. Planning is underway for this event. Please sign up in the narthex if you are interested in attending! Any questions contact Megan Pasquini or Alissa McLellan or email secretary@zlcb.org.

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: VBS planning has started and we would love for you to help! Stations currently available are: Games, KidVid Cinema; Music; and Opening/Closing Skits. Please email Katie Gielarowski to sign up at 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 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 - Join us! All are welcome; breakfast is on us.

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

Welcome to worship!

This morning we wrap up our unit on the 10 Commandments with Commandments 9 and 10. Commanding us not to covet, these Commandments teach us not only to work hard for what we get, but to see that everything we have is a gift from God and that there are more important things in life than the things that we have. Our life, as Scripture teaches, does not consist in the abundance of our possessions. We pray “give us this day our daily bread,” knowing that all good things (spiritual and material) come from the gracious hand of God.

Non-stop advertising, relatively wealthy neighbors, and a heart inherited from Adam that stubbornly refuses to be content, how can we keep ourselves from falling in love with money and lusting after that which we do not have? This morning, we are going to take a look at the sin of coveting. What is the root cause of our desire to have more, to be jealous of what others have, and become obsessed with the accumulation of things? (Hint: women’s Bible Study people should have the answer, I’m not lying!) How can we overcome our unhealthy desire to have more and our discontent with what we have been given?

The good news for us is that Jesus, who had no place to rest his head, and who had to pay his taxes from the money found in the mouth of a fish, fulfilled this Commandment. As he did with every other Commandment, Jesus kept God’s Law perfectly. He has sent the Holy Spirit into your heart and life so that you might, by the power of God, fight against your unhealthy desire for more.

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: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

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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.**

As you prepare to confess your sins, think back over the last week. The hurtful words, the loveless deeds, and the unhealthy thought you have had and done; and leave them all at the foot of the cross.

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.

*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: Deuteronomy 5:12-21

“Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy, as the Lord your God commanded you. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter or your male servant or your female servant, or your ox or your donkey or any of your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates, that your male servant and your female servant may rest as well as you. You shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the Lord your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. Therefore the Lord your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day.

“Honor your father and your mother, as the Lord your God commanded you, that your days may be long, and that it may go well with you in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. “You shall not murder. “And you shall not commit adultery. “And you shall not steal. “And you shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

“And you shall not covet your neighbor's wife. And you shall not desire your neighbor's house, his field, or his male servant, or his female servant, his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's.”

The New Testament Reading: James 1:9-18

Let the lowly brother boast in his exaltation, and the rich in his humiliation, because like a flower of the grass he will pass away. For the sun rises with its scorching heat and withers the grass; its flower falls, and its beauty perishes. So also will the rich man fade away in the midst of his pursuits.

Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God,” for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

Pastor: In honor of our Lord Jesus Christ, we rise for the reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 10th chapter.

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

The Gospel Reading: Mark 10:17-22

And as he was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. You know the commandments: ‘Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.’” And he said to

him, "Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth." And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

Children's Message (10:30 Service)

Sermon Hymn: Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray

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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.

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
Just as I Am, without One Plea	570
Lord God, to Thee We Give All Praise	522

(Please stand)

Benediction

People: **Amen**

<i>The Recessional: Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus</i>	660
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† *Service Participants* †

Pastor:	The Rev. Duncan McLellan
Music Director:	Mark Killinger
The Organist:	Sandra Quinlan
The Elders:	Bill Bishop & Peter Fisher
The Acolyte:	Josiah Ackerman (8:00) Sydney Harris (10:30)
The Greeters:	Joyce Wood (8:00) Bill & Susie Bishop & Family (10:30)
The Ushers:	Josh Gielarowski, Dale Miller Barb & Wayne Oechslein (8:00) Ross Chilcott, Sam Dragan Dan Harris & Chuck LaJeunesse (10:30)
Altar Guild:	Janet, Marian & Molly Oelschlager

Last Week in Worship

Sunday Worship Attendance (3/1) – 205

Wednesday Attendance (3/4) – 53

Offering (3/1) – \$4,462.00

Wednesday Offering (3/4) - \$ 346.00

Week of March 8th – March 15th

SUNDAY 3/8	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 FOOD BANK COLLECTION
MONDAY 3/9	6:30 PM – EGAF Meeting
TUESDAY 3/10	
WEDNESDAY 3/11	6:00PM – Confirmation (Conference Room) 7:00 PM – Lenten Service 7:45 PM – Post Service Fellowship 7:45 PM – Stephen Ministry
THURSDAY 3/12	10:00 AM – Bible Study 7:00 PM – Choir Practice 7:30PM – Council Meeting
FRIDAY 3/13	7:00 AM – Free Coffee Friday 6:30 PM – Bowling @ AMF Mt.Lebanon
SATURDAY 3/14	8:00 AM – Men’s Bible Breakfast
SUNDAY 3/15	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 11:45 PM – Youth Ministry Informational Meeting