

# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



*January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014*

*First Sunday after Epiphany*



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by Wayne and Barb Oechslein in memory of loved ones and by Jay and Kim Anderson.

**ETERNAL LIGHT** is given by Brooks and Julie Huse in memory of loved ones.

**PLEASE SIGN UP** to sponsor Altar Flowers and/or Eternal Light. A sign-up sheet is in the back of the sanctuary, there are many available days!

**MIDWEEK SERVICE OF PRAYER AND PREACHING** begins this Wednesday at 7pm. Come for a time of talking to and hearing from God in His Word. Invite your friends; the atmosphere will be casual.

**A NEW WORK STATION** for Office Administrator Julie Huse has been installed! Vicar's office is now where Julie's Office was. Pastor Duncan now resides in Vicar's former office. Thanks to everyone who helped move things... especially all of those books!

**MEN'S BIBLE BREAKFAST** starts at 8:00am on Saturday. Come early if you'd like to help cook! We're enjoying discussions on the upcoming sermon text as well as fellowship and prayer.

**CHURCH CHOIR** meets after the midweek service on Wednesday.

**JaCK.** That's the name of our Summer Mission Trip: July at Camp for the Kingdom. We'll be going to Camp Pioneer from the 27<sup>th</sup> of July to the 3<sup>rd</sup> of August to serve. Details to come, mark your calendars now; all are welcome!

**MIDWEEK SERVICES** began last Wednesday. Come and enjoy an informal Service of Prayer and Preaching this Wednesday at 7:00. We are studying the book of Jude (the small one right before Revelation).

**MEN'S RETREAT.** Looking ahead to 2014, we are planning a men's retreat for the week/weekend of April 10-13 at Camp Pioneer. If you are interested in going, or would like to know more, there's a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

**CREATION SEMINAR.** Zion will be hosting a Creation Seminar the weekend of June 13-15<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendars and prepare to come and listen to experts in different scientific fields defend the Biblical account of creation.

**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!

Have you ever had one of those “Aha moments?” A time in your life when the light bulb appears to go off and you get it. I bet we have all had these experiences; for some of us it was while we were studying for a test, for others it was while we were doing a science experiment, still for others it might have been learning plays for our sports teams. These “Aha moments” are fun moments because it’s the first time something clicked and we finally understood it.

Our church now enters into the Epiphany season of the Church year. Through the Epiphany season the church receives “Aha moments” as we come to recognize who Jesus is. This morning we are encountered with our first “Aha moment” as we celebrate the Baptism of our Lord. We see that Jesus is God’s Son. As God’s Son, Jesus is baptized and stands in the place of sinners and takes our sins upon Himself.

Throughout the season of Epiphany the church continues to rejoice in these “Aha moments.” We are excited to learn and grow in our faith in Jesus. We look forward to reading and studying more about who Jesus is and what He means for our lives. We continue to search the Scriptures as they reveal Jesus to us.

- Vicar David

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# The Divine Service

Welcome to Zion! Please take a minute to sign the attendance book (at the end of the pew) and let us know you are here. If you are visiting with us, please take a minute to review the communion policy (in this bulletin) and let us know if you would like someone from the church to contact you. God's blessings on your worship this morning!

## *Announcements*

**Opening Hymn:** O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright 395

## *The Invocation and Prayer for Worship*

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** **Amen.**

**Pastor:** O Lord, our creator, redeemer, and comforter, as we come to worship You in spirit and in truth, we humbly pray that You would open our heart to the preaching of Your Word so that we may repent of our sins, believe in Jesus Christ as our only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear us for the sake of His name.

**People:** **Amen.**

## *Confession of Sins*

**Pastor:** O Almighty God, merciful Father,

**People:** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

## *Absolution Spoken by the Pastor*

**People:** **Amen.**

### ***The Hymn of Praise: My Soul Rejoices***

*My soul rejoices, my spirit voices—Sing the greatness of the Lord!  
 For God my Savior has shown by 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***

**Vicar:** Lord, in your mercy.

**People:** Hear our prayer.

(Please be seated)

### **The Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 42:1-7**

Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom my soul delights;  
 I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations.  
 He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street;  
 a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench;  
     he will faithfully bring forth justice.  
 He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth;  
     and the coastlands wait for his law.  
 Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out,  
     who spread out the earth and what comes from it,  
     who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it.  
 “I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness;  
     I will take you by the hand and keep you;

I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations,  
to open the eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
from the prison those who sit in darkness.”

### **The New Testament Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31**

For consider your calling, brothers; not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. And because you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, so that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

**Vicar:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

**Pastor:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Chapter.

### **The Gospel Reading: Matthew 3:13-17**

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

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

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

(Please be seated)

***Sermon Hymn:*** Jesus, Once with Sinners Numbered

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***Prayer for Blessing on the Word***

Vicar: Lord God, bless Your Word wherever it is proclaimed. Make it a word of power and peace to convert those not yet Your own and to confirm those who have come to saving faith. May Your Word pass from the ear to the heart, from the heart to the lip, and from the lip to the life that, as You have promised, Your Word may achieve the purpose for which You send it; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

***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 and Choir Offertory***

(Please Stand)

### **The Service of the Sacrament**

**Pastor:** This morning, we heard how our Lord Jesus Christ took our place in John's baptism, fulfilled the Law for us, and died on the cross for our sins. Now, this same Jesus comes for you in the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper. As we look back to his life of obedience, sacrificial death and glorious resurrection, we also look forward to that day when we will drink and eat with him in his eternal kingdom. And so 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 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 Music***

Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face	631
Your Table I Approach	628
The Infant Priest Was Holy Born	624

### ***The Benediction***

***Closing Hymn:*** O God of God, O Light of Light 810

### **† *Service Participants* †**

Pastor:	The Rev. Duncan McLellan
Vicar:	David Schultz
The Organist:	Paula Gardner
The Elders:	John Gielarowski and David Hutula
The Acolyte:	Grant Geregach (8:00)
	Jennifer Fitzgerald (10:30)
The Greeters:	Wayne and Barb Oechslein (8:00)
	Jim and Marylou Neill (10:30)
The Ushers:	Kathleen Conn, Bill Schrag,
	Janet and Larry Zreliak (8:00)
	Steve Gauger, Dan Harris,
	Chuck LaJeunesse and Richard Quinlan (10:30)
Altar Guild:	Elsie DallaPiazza and Mary Hutula

### **Last Week in Worship**

Sunday Worship Attendance (1/5) – 231

Midweek Attendance (1/8) – 30

Offerings (1/5) - \$6126

Sanctuary Improvement (12/29) –\$990

# Week of Jan 12 - 19

<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>1/12</b>	8:00AM – Worship w/ Communion 9:15AM – Sunday School and Adult Bible Class 10:30AM – Worship w/ Communion 12:00PM – Confirmation: Church History
<b>MONDAY</b> <b>1/13</b>	
<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>1/14</b>	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>1/15</b>	7:00PM – Midweek Service of Prayer and Preaching
<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>1/16</b>	10:00AM – Bible Study (Conference Room) 7:30PM – Church Council (Conference Room)
<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>1/17</b>	
<b>SATURDAY</b> <b>1/18</b>	8:00AM - Men’s Bible Breakfast (Fellowship Hall) 9:30AM – E3 Meeting (Conference Room)
<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>1/19</b>	8:00AM – Worship w/ Communion 9:15AM – Sunday School and Adult Bible Class 10:30AM – Worship w/ Communion 5:00PM – Youth Movie Night