

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



Service of Prayer and Preaching
Romans 6:1-11



ANNOUNCEMENTS

J@CK! July at Camp for the Kingdom is the name of our Mission Trip for this summer. Mark your calendars for July 27 – August 1st. We will be going to Camp Pioneer for a week of work, spiritual growth and fellowship. All are welcome and invited to come on this trip! The cost is \$250 per person; aid is available for families who are going. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex area, as well as informational brochures. We hope you (and your family) will be able to make it!

AIR CONDITIONING! It's done. Thank you again for your support for this project. Enjoy the nice, cool breeze...

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.

VICAR CHRIS is here. We are excited to see him learn and grow with us as the Lord prepares him for the Pastoral Ministry. He will be preaching his first sermon 8/3.

ONE SERVICE. Starting this Sunday (and for all of August), we will be having one service on Sunday @ 9:00. Bible class will be after the service in the Fellowship Hall starting between 10:15-10:30. Please come!

HELP WANTED. Zion's Office Administrator, Julie Huse, will be taking leave at the end of October when her and Brooks' baby is born. We will be sorry to see Julie leave, but fully support her decision to stay at home to raise their child. If you are interested in applying for the Office Administrator position, please contact 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.

Confession of Sins

Pastor: As we prepare to listen to the Word of God, we do so as those who have been baptized into Christ. Forgiveness of sins and resurrection to eternal life has already been promised to us. Therefore, we confess our sins not doubting, but fully trusting that our Father in heaven, on account of the Lord Jesus Christ, will not hold them against us.

People: **Father in heaven, we confess to you that we have sinned continually. We know that we have been called, gathered, and enlightened by your gifts. Yet we have lived as though you did not love us. Forgive us, strengthen our faith, and give us eyes of faith to see you at work in and through us to make a difference in the lives of others. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Absolution Spoken by the Pastor

People: Amen.

(Please be seated)

The Reading: Romans 6:1-11

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just

as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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 those who will go on our J@CK Mission Trip next week, that you would use us for your purposes, be a blessing in the lives of those we serve, and strengthen the unity we have with each other as the body of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For our new Vicar, Chris, that his year with us would be a blessing to him and to our congregation. Use us to equip and prepare him for the Pastoral Ministry. That you would look upon him with your favor, bless him in every way, strengthen his faith, and give him zeal for your house, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For those who work to bring the gospel of Jesus Christ to the nations, especially in places where the Gospel is forbidden, that they would be blessed to see Christ at work through them, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Vicar: For patience in affliction, wisdom in difficult situations, faithfulness in moments of despair, and steadfastness amidst trials and temptations, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

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

People: Lord, have mercy.

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

People: Alleluia! Amen.

Vicar: Taught by our Lord, and trusting in his promises, we are bold to pray:

People: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by 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